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Manila imposes ban on maids

MANILA, Jan. 20, (Reuters): The government of President Corason Aquino, concerned over reports of sexual harassment of maids from the Philippines, said today it would ban women from working abroad.

Presidential spokesman Teodoro Benigno said a cabinet meeting had approved a Labour Department suggestion to halt the practice of exporting domestic helpers until corrective measures were taken by host countries.

"There will be a gradual lifting of the ban for countries in which the rights and human privileges of Filipino workers are respected," he added.

Horror

The move followed dozens of horror stories in the Philippine press of maids being raped by their employers, forced into prostitution and made to work in conditions approaching slavery.

Most of the criticism has been directed at Japan and the Middle East.

An official said the ban would not affect the thousands of women from the Philippines who work, especially in Asia, as bar girls and entertainers.

Benigno did not say when the order would be implemented or for how long the ban would last.

People have become one of the major exports of the impoverished Philippines, with officials estimating that maids, tens of thousands of whom work in Hong Kong and Singapore, remit about \$10 million annually.

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Cream of students

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20, (AP): American universities are attracting "the cream" of foreign-born graduate engineering students and most of them add to the brain drain from other countries by eventually becoming US citizens, a study showed.

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Burning

"We cannot see other ships burning with their crew without helping," he said.

The admiral's remarks appeared to reflect a hardening of French policy toward Iran after allegations that France had sought accommodation with Tehran last month to win the release of its hostages in Lebanon.

Describing the policy as a two-level approach, he said: "If they attack a French flag vessel, we will respond to it. This is the first level of intervention. If they (warships) see an attack on another ship, they intervene to protect life."

He said that even a warship putting itself between Iranian fire and a commercial vessel in distress was "just humanitarian help... a kind of help."

Requests

Equally, if a ship under attack did not request help, there would be no reason for intervention, he added. He was referring to a report in October that a French warship did not move to help a vessel that was being attacked in the vicinity because the target was not a French-flag ship.

The captain of the frigate Duplex, Claude Musset, reading

Stopover

Commander Bob Money, captain of the British frigate Scylla, said during a stopover in Bahrain port on Monday that "the known minefields have been swept."

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar is willing to undertake shuttle diplomacy between Tehran and Baghdad to try to halt the Gulf war, but only if he is assured it would be productive, he said yesterday.

"I don't want to be used as a way of buying time, or pretending movement where there is no movement," he said in an interview with Reuters.

A top Soviet official said recently that the Secretary-General should return to Iran and Iraq for a further attempt to obtain a ceasefire before a possible arms embargo against Iran was considered in the Security Council.

Perez de Cuellar made his remarks after he conferred with Iranian Ambassador Mohammad Jafar Mahalati, who later called on the president of the council, Crispin Tickell of Britain.

Crippled author Nolan bags award

DUBLIN, Jan. 20, (Reuters): Irish author Christy Nolan, who cannot walk, talk or control his twitching limbs, won Britain's richest literary award with an auto-biography hampered out by a "unicorn stick" strapped to his head.

The 22-year-old Dubliner, his chin cupped in his mother's hands as he reaches laboriously for every letter on the typewriter, has been hailed as Ireland's new James Joyce for his book "Under the Eye of the Clock."

"You have fashioned me as an equal to any other writer, by creating words by hand or by head," Nolan said through his mother Bernadette yesterday when receiving the £20,000 (\$35,400) Whitbread Book of the Year Award in London.

Pleading for the handicapped at an emotionally charged presentation ceremony, he said: "Tonight is my night for laughing, for crying tears of joy. But wait, my brothers hobbles after me hinting 'what about silent us? can we too have a voice.'"

Fight

"Imagine what I would have missed if the doctors had not revived me on that September day long ago," said the cerebral palsy victim who almost died of asphyxiation at birth.

Nolan has to fight for every word. Each page takes a day to write as his mother joins in the back-breaking task of supporting his head at the typewriter. A muscle relaxant drug has given him just enough control to pick out the letters.

He and his family have developed an extrasensory level



A Palestinian youth lies wounded after being hit by an Israeli police jeep yesterday during a stone-throwing demonstration in Issawiya near occupied Jerusalem. (Reuters wirephoto)

Amal lifts siege of Beirut refugee camps

BEIRUT, Jan. 20, (Reuters): Lebanese Shi'ite Muslims lifted a three-year siege of Beirut's Palestinian refugee camps today, eyewitnesses reported.

Hundreds of Amal militiamen and troops of the Army's largely Shi'ite Sixth Brigade withdrew from positions around the battered Shatila and Bourj Al Barajneh camps in south Beirut.

About 250 Syrian troops were deployed in 17 positions around the camps, under siege since May 1985 in a bitter conflict in which at least 2,500 people were killed.

Bearded Amal fighters clad in olive-green military fatigues and armed with automatic rifles packed their belongings and left for barracks in Syrian-controlled West Beirut.

Tribute

Three Army troop carriers with 400 soldiers of the Sixth Brigade had earlier rolled away from the muddy alleyways surrounding the camps.

Amal leader Nabih Berri announced on Saturday that his men would lift their siege of two camps in Beirut and one in South Lebanon as a tribute to Palestinian protests in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

There was no immediate word of similar moves at Rashidiyeh near the port of Tyre, 80 km (45 miles) south of Beirut.

In an emotional scene, thousands of Palestinian men, women and children chanted welcome slogans, hailing the Syrian troops and showering them with flowers.

"The Syrian deployment ends our nightmare," Mohammed, a 24-year-old Palestinian fighter, said at Shatila camp.

"We've been living in a big prison and now we have regained our freedom. We've had enough of suffering and it's about time to live like normal human beings," he said.

Mohammed, like thousands of Palestinian males, had not moved out of his camp for three years for fear of being killed or kidnapped by besieging Amal militiamen.

The blockade, aimed at curbing the military power of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in Lebanon, was partially lifted last April when Syrian officials enforced a ceasefire in the bitter "camp war".

Frontier Gandhi dies

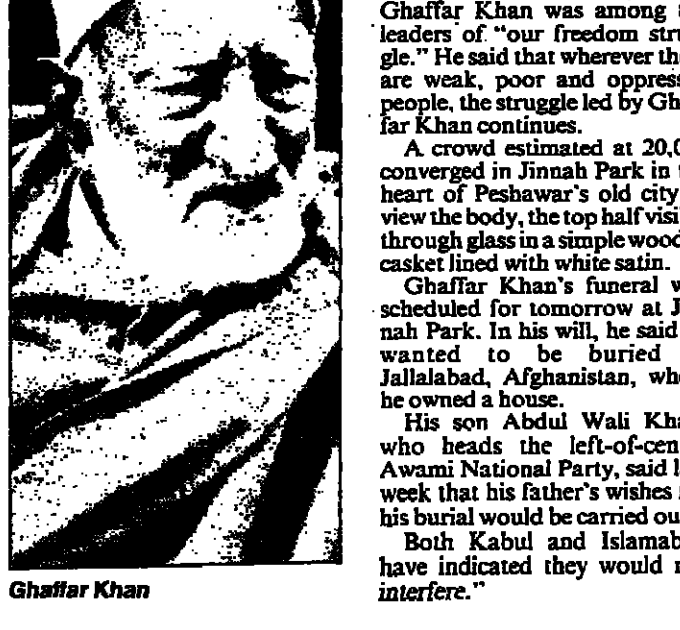
PESHAWAR, Jan. 20, (Agencies): Abdul Ghaflar Khan, renowned in India for helping win freedom from the British but less popular in his native Pakistan for opposing its independence, died today. He was 98.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi rushed to Pakistan to pay his condolences and described Ghaflar Khan as a "freedom fighter" devoted to "non-violence and wonderful humanity. The world has lost a very good man."

Messages

Known to his supporters as "The Frontier Gandhi" for his association with the revered independence leader Mahatma Gandhi, he had a wide following among the Pashtun people of North West Frontier Province (NWFP).

But the suspicion he aroused in other parts of Pakistan was mirrored in guarded messages of condolence sent by President



Ghaflar Khan

Struggle

During a brief stop at the home of the North West Frontier Province governor, Rajiv said Ghaflar Khan was among the leaders of "our freedom struggle." He said that wherever there are weak, poor and oppressed people, the struggle led by Ghaflar Khan continues.

A crowd estimated at 20,000 converged in Jinnah Park in the heart of Peshawar's old city to view the body, the top half visible through glass in a simple wooden casket lined with white satin.

Ghaflar Khan's funeral was scheduled for tomorrow at Jinnah Park. In his will, he said he wanted to be buried at Jallalabad, Afghanistan, where he owned a house.

His son Abdul Wali Khan, who heads the left-of-centre Awami National Party, said last week that his father's wishes for his burial would be carried out.

Both Kabul and Islamabad have indicated they would not interfere.

Sri Lanka to discuss withdrawal of troops

COLOMBO, Jan. 20, (AP): The leaders of India and Sri Lanka will meet in New Delhi next week to discuss withdrawing 35,000 Indian troops from Sri Lanka, a senior government official said today.

The Sri Lankan official, who spoke on condition of not being identified, said withdrawal of the Indian troops will be one of the main topics when Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene visits Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

In New Delhi, an Indian Foreign Ministry official said he had no information about the talks.

Besides discussing the withdrawal, Jayewardene is expected to spell out his plans to grant greater autonomy to northern and eastern Sri Lanka, where the majority of the country's 2.9 million Tamils live.

Return

Another issue is the return of more than 120,000 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees from southern India.

Sri Lanka's Minister for National Security, Lalith Athulthumudali, will accompany Jayewardene to New Delhi on Jan. 26 to attend India's Republic Day celebrations. He said his main assignment in India would be to ensure the return of the refugees.

"I will be visiting the major Tamil refugee camps... to make a personal assessment so that appropriate arrangements can be made to get our people back home," Athulthumudali said.

The refugees fled by boat to India when the Tamil separatist campaign took a violent turn in 1983. More than 8,000 people have been killed.

Iraq accuses Iran of killing Al Hakim

KHARTOUM, Jan. 20, (AP): Iraq's ambassador to Sudan today blamed Iran for Sunday's assassination in a Khartoum hotel lobby of an Iraqi dissident.

The Sudanese government was reported to have decided to send to Iran the body of Mahdi Al Hakim, a high-ranking Shi'ite Muslim cleric slain by two gunmen as he sat in the Khartoum Hilton Hotel.

Sources who would not allow the use of their name said the decision was partly because of the prestige of Al Hakim's family in Iran, where two of his daughters, a son and an elder brother, Mohammed Bager Hakim, live.

The comments by Tarek Yahia Mohammed, Iraq's Ambassador to Sudan, was his country's first reaction to the killing.

"Terrorism is deeply rooted in the Iranian regime," he said. "The Hakim family is widely in disagreement with the Iranian regime and among themselves."

He implied that Al Hakim might have been in disfavor in Iran because "he was known worldwide as a multimillionaire."

Mohammed said Khartoum probably was chosen for Al Hakim's murder because his assassins expected Iraq to be blamed.

59 Palestinians injured in Gaza

Three commandos die in clashes with Israeli forces

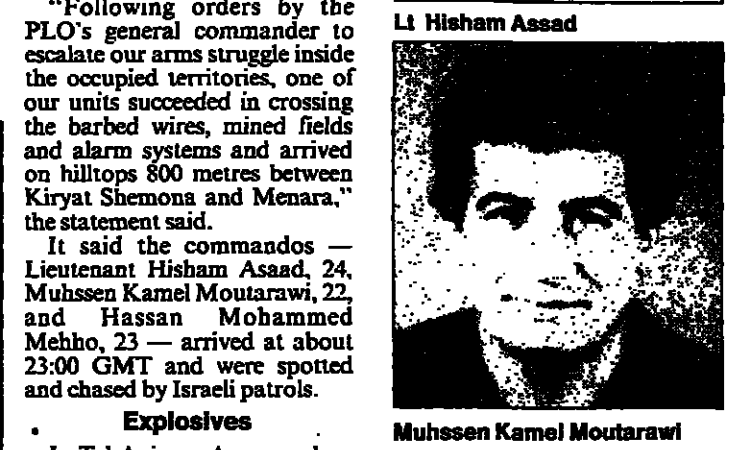
SIDON, Lebanon, Jan. 20, (Agencies): The PLO said today a three-man unit waged a four-hour battle with Israeli soldiers overnight near Kiryat Shemona settlement in northern Israel, inflicting heavy casualties.

Meanwhile, 59 Palestinians were injured in clashes with Israeli forces in occupied areas.

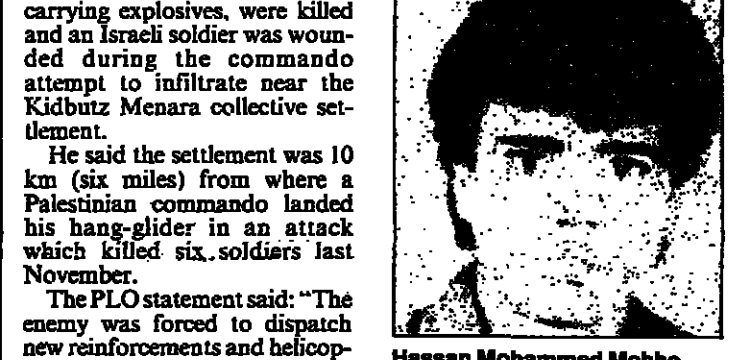
Mahmoud Al Hassan, spokesman for the PLO in Sidon, said in a statement the three Palestinian commandos had died in the clashes.

"Following orders by the PLO's general commander to escalate our arms struggle inside the occupied territories, one of our units succeeded in crossing the barbed wires, mined fields and alarm systems and arrived on hilltops 800 metres between Kiryat Shemona and Menara," the statement said.

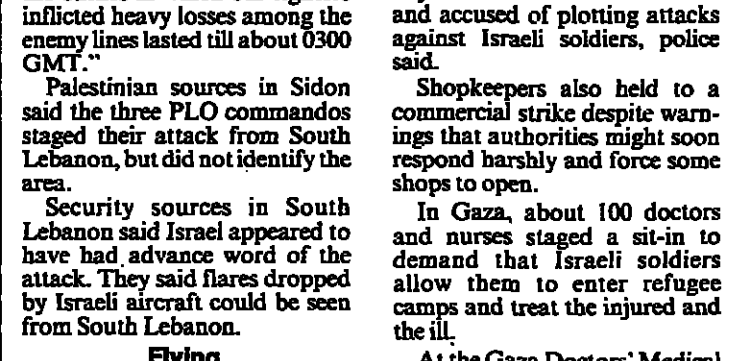
It said the commandos — Lieutenant Hisham Assad, 24, Muhssen Kamel Moutarawi, 22, and Hassan Mohammed Mehho, 23 — arrived at about 23:00 GMT and were spotted and chased by Israeli patrols.



Li Hisham Assad



Muhssen Kamel Moutarawi



Hassan Mohammed Mehho

In Tel Aviv an Army spokesman said the three commandos carrying explosives, were killed and an Israeli soldier was wounded during the commando attempt to infiltrate near the Kidbutz Menara collective settlement.

He said the settlement was 10 km (six miles) from where a Palestinian commando landed his hang-glider in an attack which killed six soldiers last November.

The PLO statement said: "The enemy was forced to dispatch new reinforcements and helicopter gunships to light the area and the battles in which our fighters inflicted heavy losses among the enemy lines lasted till about 0300 GMT."

Palestinian sources in Sidon said the three PLO commandos staged their attack from South Lebanon, but did not identify the area.

Security sources in South Lebanon said Israel appeared to have had advance word of the attack. They said flares dropped by Israeli aircraft could be seen from South Lebanon.

Flying

The attack came amidst the wave of demonstrations in the Israeli-occupied territories, where at least 39 Palestinians have been killed since riots first erupted on Dec. 9.

The security sources said six Israeli warplanes, flying at a low altitude, passed over a string of Syrian military positions and checkpoints along the beach south of Beirut and commando bases in the mountains to the east.

The planes also flew over Palestinian bases near the southern port city of Sidon, 24 miles (38 km) south of Beirut.

In the Jerusalem neighbourhood of Issawiya today Palestinian children blocked roads with burning tyres and threw stones at a police jeep.

The jeep spun out of control, ran over the protester, hit an electrical pole and flipped over, police said. Twenty-eight Arabs were arrested, police said.

Two Arabs from East Jerusalem and a third from the

(Continued on Page 2)

Another strike hits Dhaka

DHAKA, Jan. 20, (Agencies): Demonstrators and riot police fought brief, running battles today at the start of another strike against President Hossain Mohammad Ershad, witnesses said.

The strike was the latest in a series of protests called by opposition parties pressing for Ershad's resignation.

A homemade bomb exploded near a police van in the Rampura residential district, a local news photographer said. But there was no report of injury or damage.

Unstable

Witnesses, said police carrying riot shields used metal-tipped bamboo sticks to break up a procession by about 100 students near the Agricultural College.

The witnesses said they saw police beating some protesters, but they were unable to say how many were injured. Police arrested 30 protesters.

A police official said riot police raided the Agricultural College after a group of strikers pelted stones at an Army car.

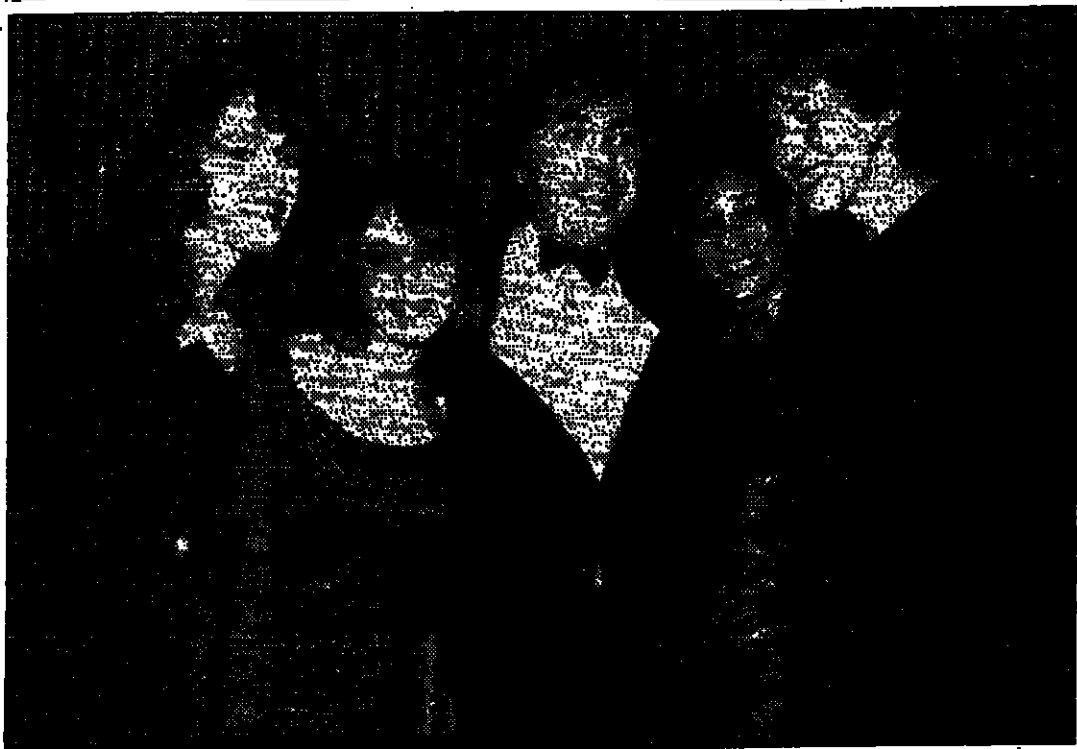
Twenty-one opposition parties have called the fresh spell of 12-hour strikes today and Saturday, the previous filing days for nominations in the March 3 election.

At two other places in the capital, police foiled attempts by protesters to bring out processions.

Stores remained closed and little traffic was on city streets, normally choked with traffic. Many government employees walked to work.

Trucksloads of police and paramilitary troops were patrolling the city and guarding major road intersections.

INTERNATIONAL



Composer Andrew Lloyd-Webber is joined by four of his leading ladies as he is awarded the 'Man of Vision' Award by the Eye Research Institute of Boston. (Reuters wirephoto)

Iranians seek refuge in Ireland

SHANNON, Jan 20, (AP): Immigration officials today were interviewing 12 Iranians who requested political asylum in the Irish Republic after landing at Shannon airport on a flight from Moscow.

The Iranians walked away unnoticed from a Soviet Aeroflot airliner that landed at the international airport in southwestern Ireland last night for refuelling on a flight from Moscow to Havana, Cuba, officials said.

It is thought the group — eight adults and four children — made its way from Iran to Moscow through Syria.

In broken English, they explained their request for political asylum and were allowed to stay in the Irish Republic pending a decision by the Department of Justice.

A Department of Justice spokesman in Dublin said the Iranians were being interviewed by immigration officials to determine whether they qualified for refugee status.

Last year, more than 30 people left Aeroflot flights at Shannon — including Cubans, Sri Lankans and Afghans — seeking asylum in the neutral republic, generally using the country as a stopping off point before trying to get into the United States or Canada.

Aquino in clash with Congress

MANILA, Jan 20, (Reuters): Philippine President Corazon Aquino, flushed with her ruling coalition's victory in Monday's local elections, has promised better government in 1988 and thwarted a bid by Congress to clip her powers.

"I am not going to play politics with anybody... we shall bring the resources of the government to the people and we shall not allow anybody to stop us," Aquino said today.

Aquino made the vow at a weekly meeting of her cabinet, which applauded her statement, presidential spokesman Teodoro Benigno told reporters.

In her first open clash with Congress, Aquino sent back unsigned to the legislature today a proposed law that would in effect curtail the presidential powers of appointment.

It was the first bill Aquino has vetoed since the country's first freely elected legislature in 15 years was installed last June.

Under the bill no official appointed by the President to

Shevardnadze gives arms warning to West

MADRID, Jan 20, (Reuters): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, starting a visit to Spain, Nato's youngest member, has warned the Western alliance against modernising weapons to compensate for the superpower nuclear disarmament agreement.

His warning, at the end of a three-day visit to Bonn before flying to Madrid, capped his first call for a ban on short-range missiles after the US-Soviet agreement to scrap intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF).

Nato favours modernisation of short-range nuclear forces with a range of up to 500 km (300 miles) and conventional weapons, saying it wants to counter Soviet superiority.

"This modernisation would be a very dangerous trend... it must not be allowed to happen," Shevardnadze said.

His first visit here came as the socialist government submitted to its allies plans for Spain's role in the alliance.

Socialist Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez secured Spain's 1982 membership of Nato by a 1986 referendum on condition that it remain free of nuclear weapons and outside Nato's military structure.

Another condition was fulfilled last week when the United

States, after 18 months of tense negotiations, agreed to remove from Spain a key wing of F-16s fighter-bombers stationed at Torrejon, near Madrid.

But the withdrawal, if it is likely to have pleased Moscow, will not come up during Shevardnadze's three-day visit.

"It is the only thing we will not talk about," a senior Spanish government official said.

Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordonez said talks would cover a possible visit to Spain by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, in the second half of this year, to return Gonzalez' trip to Moscow two years ago, but he said no precise date would be fixed.

Gorbachev has turned down an invitation to visit West Germany during the first half. Shevardnadze told reporters he hoped to widen political, economic, cultural and economic relations with Spain, and said disarmament would also be covered.

Topless black nuns taken to court

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 20, (UPI): Police so far have ignored a beach revolution by thousands of white women who have shed their bikini tops to soak up the sun, but two black nuns have been ordered to appear in court next month for doing much the same thing.

Sister Margaret Msibi, 31, and Sister Christiana Mngiyana, 28, from the Daughters of Charity Convent at Inanda, were indicted in a Durban courtroom yesterday for public indecency.

They were not asked to plead to a charge that they showered topless Monday, wearing only white panties, on one of Durban's popular beaches.

They were released without bail and were ordered to return to court Feb 9.

The two nuns appear in court wearing black habits and white cowls. They were accompanied to court by a number of other nuns.

Three young black women, one of them not yet in her teens, were charged with a similar offense last year. A well-wisher paid fines on their behalf, but the charges were later withdrawn and the money was refunded.

The two nuns appeared in court as white South African society continued an intense national debate about the sudden appearance since the holiday season began in December of topless sunbathers on beaches in Cape Town and Plettenberg Bay.

OBITUARY



Pedro Mario Dias

Born in Goa on 10.10.1908
Expired in Goa on 21.12.87

Inserted by his sorrowing wife and children

All aspects of a solution completed: Perez

UN to monitor Afghan peace

UNITED NATIONS, Jan 20, (Reuters): Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said he is ready to monitor an Afghanistan settlement.

In an interview with Reuters, he said all aspects of an Afghan solution involving the United Nations were completed, including provision for UN monitoring of an accord calling for withdrawal of Soviet troops.

All the agreements were completed, he said, referring to drafts that have been discussed with the parties by his special envoy Diego Cordovez, who left New York on Monday for talks in Kabul and Islamabad, aimed at the convening of a final meeting in Geneva next month.

"I think there is general agreement and we are going to have contingency plans on the (monitoring) role," the Secretary-General said.

The idea behind it, he explained, was to avert a blood-bath in Afghanistan after the Soviet Union withdrew its troops, who have been there in strength since December 1979.

"It is very well known the

Afghans are a tough people," he said in an allusion to the risk of a continued war between rival factions.

Assistance

Afghanistan will accept economic aid for postwar reconstruction from any quarter willing to give it, President Najibullah told a new conference today.

Najibullah was asked whether Afghanistan would accept only Soviet bloc aid or invite assistance from Western agencies, including the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, following the proposed withdrawal of Soviet forces and the hoped-for end to a nine-year-old guerrilla war.

Evidently referring to closer links with the Soviet Union, he said the last six or seven years had brought "a qualitative change in Afghanistan's historic trading relations".

But he added: "All other quarters who wish to help with the reconstruction of Afghanistan and the prosperity of the Afghan people — we shall welcome their assistance."

Meanwhile, a rocket attack on

Khost's airfield has shown vividly that routes in and out of the eastern garrison town remain insecure despite the success of Soviet and Afghan government forces in breaking a three-month rebel siege.

Flights to Khost, already limited to the hours of darkness because of mujahideen's ability to down planes with US-made, heat-seeking Stinger missiles, were put in further jeopardy on Tuesday by the nightfall assault on the airfield.

The attack occurred just as two military transport planes carrying Western correspondents were about to take off.

The planes, propeller-driven Antonov-26s of the Afghan Air Force, came under fire as they prepared to take a group of Moscow-based journalists to Kabul after a government-sponsored trip aimed at showing the success of the Khost offensive.

Two rockets penetrated the outer perimeter of the airfield, sending Afghan defence personnel running for cover, and a third appeared to land close to the runway only a few seconds after the

first plane lifted off.

The land route from the provincial capital of Gardez appeared to have been made fully secure with the arrival in Khost of the 17th relief convoy since the siege was broken last month.

But Soviet soldiers guarding the route said there were frequent attempts at infiltration by mine-laying Muslim guerrillas.

Casualties

The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979 has led to a war that is proportionally more deadly for Afghans than World War II was for the Soviets, according to a private study.

The study, prepared by Professor Marek Sliwinski of the University of Geneva, concluded that 1.3 million people, or more than 9 per cent of the Afghan population, died in the eight years of fighting.

About 8.6 per cent of the Soviet population perished in World War II.

An additional 33 per cent of the Afghan population have been driven into exile and 11 per cent are in hiding inside their country, the study said.

North Korean agent faces trial

Seoul won't execute saboteur

SEOUL, Jan 20, (Reuters): South Korea will formally try a self-confessed North Korean agent for blowing up a Korean Air Lines airliner with 115 people on board, but does not intend to execute her, an influential newspaper said today.

The Dong-A Ilbo daily, quoting government sources, said the Foreign Ministry, state prosecution and security forces were working towards that scenario.

A government spokesman said he had no knowledge of such a plan, however.

Under South Korean law, 26-year-old Kim Hyon-Hui, previously known as "Mayumi Hachiya" from her false Japanese passport, could be hanged for murder or for being a North Korean agent.

The newspaper quoted a

government official as saying: "Kim's crime should naturally be punished to the maximum possible extent as an international terrorist act that took the lives of no fewer than 115 innocent people."

The government, however, was actively considering sparing her life because she had voluntarily switched allegiance to South Korea and had helped investigations into the bombing, he was quoted as saying.

Trial

The official said she could not escape formal trial under the law and in light of the feelings of the victims' families.

The newspaper said the government was studying ways of putting Kim on trial while avoiding sending her to a civilian jail, away

from the protection of the security authorities.

Kim said on South Korean Television last Friday she helped place explosives in an overhead locker aboard the Korean Air Lines plane in November under personal instructions from Kim Jong-Il, son and heir to North Korean President Kim Il-Sung.

Kim said part of her mission was to discourage countries from attending the summer Olympic Games in Seoul this September, which Pyongyang is boycotting.

Kim and a male agent, also from the North, left the doomed plane at Abu Dhabi during a stopover. When Bahraini authorities stopped them at Seoul's request two days later, the couple took cyanide in an attempt to avoid being questioned. The man died but Kim survived.

Tank-train collision kills six

BERLIN, Jan 20, (UPI): Two Soviet soldiers whose tank collided with an East German train yesterday, killing six people and injuring 35, have been arrested, the East German news service ADN reported today.

The official East German news agency said the soldiers caused the accident at about 5:50 pm by attempting to cross the open tracks near Potsdam, outside Berlin, in their tank.

The train, bound for East Berlin from Leipzig, collided with the tank near the Forst Zinna station. The train's engineer, his assistant and four passengers were killed. Thirty-five passengers were injured, nine seriously.

Soviet soldiers joined East German police and firemen in rescuing survivors from the debris, ADN reported. Soviet soldiers and East German civil defence crews continued clearing of the tracks today, it said.

The line still was blocked for rail traffic and electric power still had not been restored this morning.

ADN said the tank crew was arrested by "competent authorities."

Eight killed in US plane crash

DURANGO, Colorado, Jan 20, (AP): A commuter airliner crashed in a mountainous area of southern Colorado last night, killing eight of the 17 people aboard, authorities said.

Nine survivors were taken to a Durango hospital, but two people trapped in the plane's wreckage died early today, officials said.

Earlier, sheriff's Sgt. Dan Bender said the two in the plane were "alert and conscious, talking to rescuers."

At least one person was able to walk from the crash site, and rescue workers followed his tracks through three feet (one meter) of snow to find the wreckage, authorities said.

Bruce Hicks, an airline spokesman, said there were 15 passengers, one of them a child, and two crew members aboard the Denver-to-Durango flight.

The airplane went down about 16 kilometres east of Durango, Hicks said. He is spokesman for Continental Airlines, parent company of Rocky Mountain Airways, which flies under the name Continental Express.

Nine people were taken to Mercy Medical Centre in Durango for treatment said

Mercy spokeswoman Jane Brown.

"We have anything from lacerations to broken bones and internal injuries," she said. At least two were in serious condition.

Incident

The twin-engine turboprop plane left Denver about a half-hour late, officials said. Durango, a town of 11,000 in the southwestern part of the state, is about 560 kilometres from Denver.

Weather in the area was overcast conditions with light snow. The passenger who walked away was Peter Schauer, a consultant from Missouri. He walked about half an hour from the wreckage to a house owned by Thelma Tate, where calls were made for help, Tate said.

Schauer was one of those taken to Mercy Medical Centre. The plane is owned by Colorado Springs-based Trans Colorado, which leases planes and crew to Rocky Mountain Airways, officials said.

The airplane that flies the route is a Swearingen Metro, Continental Express officials said, which holds up to 19 passengers.

Crippled author bags award

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of communication that can leave outsiders baffled.

He raises his eyes for yes, shakes his head for no. Turning his eyes to his shoulders indicates you should look for words beginning with S.

Journalists trooping to his suburban home near the shores of Dublin Bay are given a list of likely questions they might ask and the answers he has to take so long to provide.

His autobiography, told in the third person to give it the feel of a spectator looking into the mirror, tells in rich prose the tale of a Dublin boy whose spine was wedged into a V-shape at birth, cutting off oxygen to his brain for two hours.

His body was shattered, his brain intact and from that horrendous beginning he struggled into normality, attending an ordinary state school and going on to Trinity College, Dublin, for one year without taking a degree.

Poetry

A book of poetry written at the age of 15 was lauded by critics with one saying "it was like finding diamonds in a dustbin." The slim volume won a spastics society award.

Christy, strapped into his wheelchair as his arms shoot out and his hands roll involuntarily backwards, has written an autobiography, laced with his own, often bawdy humour. "Humour is the spice of life. What else can I do but laugh at myself. Just think of a fellow with a stick on his head trying to explain himself to a person who is blessed with coordination," he says.

Why the rich language? "My mind is just like a spin dryer at full speed. My thoughts fly around my skull while millions of beautiful words cascade into my lap," he explains.

Lavan terminal attacked

BAGHDAD, Jan 20, (Reuters): Iraq said its warplanes attacked Iran's Lavan Island oil terminal in the southern Gulf today, flying a successful round trip of 1,600 km (1,000 miles).

A military spokesman said the planes penetrated Iranian air defences to pound oil installations at the terminal. All the aircraft returned safely, he added.

Lavan Island is generally considered outside the normal range of the Iraqi Air Force, but it has been raided several times. The last attack was on Sept. 18 last year.

The spokesman said the planes scored accurate hits on their targets, setting them on fire. Thick columns of smoke were billowing into the sky as they left, he said.

Most of Iraq's oil attacks on Iran's oil facilities have concentrated on Kharg Island terminal in the northern Gulf and on the fleet of tankers ferrying oil to the safer waters in the south.

US snowstorm

NEW YORK, Jan 20, (AP): A snowstorm whipping drifts up to 14 feet (4.3-meters) high stranded hundreds of motorists as it roared toward the midwest yesterday, while tornadoes pounded parts of the south, killing five people.

At least 27 deaths have been blamed on bad weather this week, while the snowstorm moving east caused an estimated \$72 million in damage to Southern California and Mexico.

Commandos die in clashes with Israeli forces

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In the West Bank city of Ramallah, a reporter saw troops patrolling the city with rifles, clubs and crowbars, shoving Palestinians and forcing merchants on the main street to keep stores open.

In the nearby Kadura refugee camp, brown-beretted soldiers used their clubs and the wooden handles of pick axes to push open doors and climbed onto the roofs of homes searching for protesters.

Israel's police minister, Chaim Bar Lev, warned today curfews might be imposed for the first time as an anti-riot measure in Jerusalem's Arab neighbourhoods.

At a meeting earlier this week the cabinet made a secret decision to authorise police to impose curfews in Jerusalem at their discretion and with the approval of Maj Gen Amram Mitzna, head of the military's central command, political sources said.

Lev told reporters today: "The legal possibility exists (to impose curfews) through an Army warrant."



Australian aboriginal actor Burnum Burnum flew out of Sydney on Jan 19 for England where he intends to claim UK on behalf of aboriginal people to even the score on the 200th anniversary of British settlement of Australia. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Ministry plays active role in defending Islam

MOHAMMED Naser Al Hamdhan, the Undersecretary for Kuwait's Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, said that the ministry plays an active role in defending Islam, adding that HH the Amir as present head of the Organisation of Islamic Conference supports Muslims in the defence of Islam around the world.

All informational means are used to achieve this aim, he added, and Kuwaiti youths are very active in Africa in spreading Islam among Africans.

Al Hamdhan explained that the ministry allows imams to select the subjects of their Friday sermons, but are instructed not to attack regimes, persons or establishments. He said that imams have been asked not to

give sermons which are too lengthy, adding that the ministry does not distinguish between one mosque and another. He added that all Muslims should cooperate with imams in keeping the mosque clean.

There are about 90 Kuwaiti working as imams in Kuwait's mosques, he said, but added that more imams are needed to serve in the approximately 35 new mosques which are being built every year.

ACO helps exchange experiences

TALEB Al Taber, the Director General of the Arab Cities Organisation, said that ACO was established primarily to maintain and preserve the environment of Arab cities throughout the world. Municipalities play the most important role in issuing legislation protecting the environment, such as cleanliness laws and laws controlling the work of slaughterhouses and pedlars as well as protecting public utilities, he said.

The ACO provides an opportunity for the exchange of experiences in information among Arab municipalities and organises several scientific seminars and training courses for municipality employees.

The ACO organised 35 such seminars and courses in different Arab and foreign cities during the period from 1971 to 1987, 17 of which focused on environmental protection, he said, adding that ACO also took part in several Arab and international seminars and conferences.

856 industrial accidents

ADNAN Al Omar, the director of the labour department at Kuwait's Hawalli Governorate, said that 856 industrial accidents were reported in the Hawalli Governorate last year, adding that six workers were killed and 341 suffered from permanent to partial disability.

Al Omar said that a collective total of 34,868 workdays were lost as a result of accidents to workers and insurance compensation reached KD642,437. Medical treatment and hospital expenses covered by the state totalled KD160,609, he said, and the total losses resulting from work-related accidents in the governorate reached KD4 million including the cost of equipment, construction damage and loss of raw materials.

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Siamese twins still alive British expert consulted

By Jadranka Porter

KUWAIT'S health authorities have sought the opinion of a British expert in neo-natal open heart surgery concerning the case of the Siamese twins born in Kuwait nine days ago. The move comes in the wake of instructions given by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah to explore all avenues to save the twins.

Sheikh Saad has taken a keen interest in the case.

Feeding

Kuwait's specialists are reluctant to operate on the Siamese twins because of severe congenital abnormalities in both babies.

The British expert, Dr Stark from London Hospital for Sick Children, who has been in telephone contact with doctors in Kuwait, was not optimistic about the prospects for surgery. But he asked for a detailed history and records which are being taken today to London by Health Ministry Undersecretary, Dr Nael Al Naqib, who is going there for some other work.

Meanwhile, the doctors are



Kuwait's Siamese twins are being kept alive with mechanical ventilation and intravenous feeding.

trying to keep the twins alive through mechanical ventilation which provides them with sufficient oxygen intake.

They have begun feeding them with milk but have not discontinued intravenous feeding. Specialised examinations have revealed severe deformities in the babies' hearts, lungs, spleen, liver

and kidneys as well as some neurological defects.

The babies' father, an Egyptian teacher, has expressed his confidence in Kuwait's doctors and is ready for the worst. The mother, who had delivered four children before giving birth to the twins, was discharged from the Addan hospital yesterday.

Soviets support implementation of UN resolution on Gulf war

KUWAIT'S Ambassador to the Soviet Union Abdul Mohsen Al Duaij was quoted as saying yesterday that the Soviet Union is not against the implementation of the UN Security Council resolution 598 which calls for an end to the Iran-Iraq war.

In an interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper Duaij said: "Let's be frank, the Soviet Union has not assisted Iran against the Arabs and its positions have been well-known for the two belligerents, and Moscow has not supplied Iran with arms but since the beginning of the conflict it has

been against the war." The ambassador said however, the Soviet Union has long border with Iran and it is natural to be keen on good neighbourly relations with Iran.

Progress

The Ambassador expressed satisfaction over the progress of relations between Moscow and Kuwait last year.

He disclosed that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev had paid tribute to Kuwaiti leadership when he met him to congratulate

him on the October Revolution anniversary.

Answering another question on the prospects of relations between the Soviet Union and the Gulf states which do not have diplomatic ties with Moscow, the ambassador said "relations between countries, big and small, is something important and vital and help maintain stability."

He said however, that all the Gulf states are well aware of their interests and emphasised that "our principal objective is to make the Gulf a lake of peace and security."

KAMCS maps out programme

THE administration of the Kuwait Amateur Motorists and Cyclists Society held a meeting yesterday presided over by the chairman Tarek Al Raiyes. They discussed a number of issues and the proposed

programme of activity for the new year, including a motor and cycle races on Friday, Jan 22.

The members also discussed sending a delegation to Saudi Arabia to take part in a four-day racing festival at Bardeh.

Ten fires at camp sites reported

ALI Al Qabandi, the Public Relations Director at Kuwait's General Fire Department, said that 10 fires had been reported at camp sites during the first week of the spring holiday this year, adding that all of the accidents were the result of negligence on the part of campers while preparing food.

He expressed disappointment that such a large number of fires were reported in spite of the department's informational campaigns and warnings by security officers about the dangers of unsupervised fires.

Campers failed to take the required precautions, he said, to protect tents from fires, especially when kerosene or gas stoves are being used. Al Qabandi explained that all combustible materials such as wood, gases and kerosene should be kept at a safe distance from fires and generators should be located away from tents.

Two people were injured in the accidents, he said.

Study on schools

THE Undersecretary of Kuwait's Education Ministry Abdul Rahman Al Khudari issued a resolution setting up a committee assigned to study the possible benefits of increasing the size of school buildings and to determine the needs of schools during the present Five Year Plan. The committee will be headed by the director of the Planning Department at the ministry, Youssef Al Tarrah.

Jailed for selling liquor

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court has sentenced two men to two years imprisonment each and a third man to four years imprisonment in absentia and a fine of KD1,000 for smuggling and selling liquor.

Detectives in Qadisiya learnt that one of the men was selling liquor and sent a secret agent to buy 21 boxes of whisky from the man. He agreed, and brought the liquor with one of the other men on the appointed day and collected the money. As soon as the deal was completed, police rushed in, arrested them and got the whisky and the money.

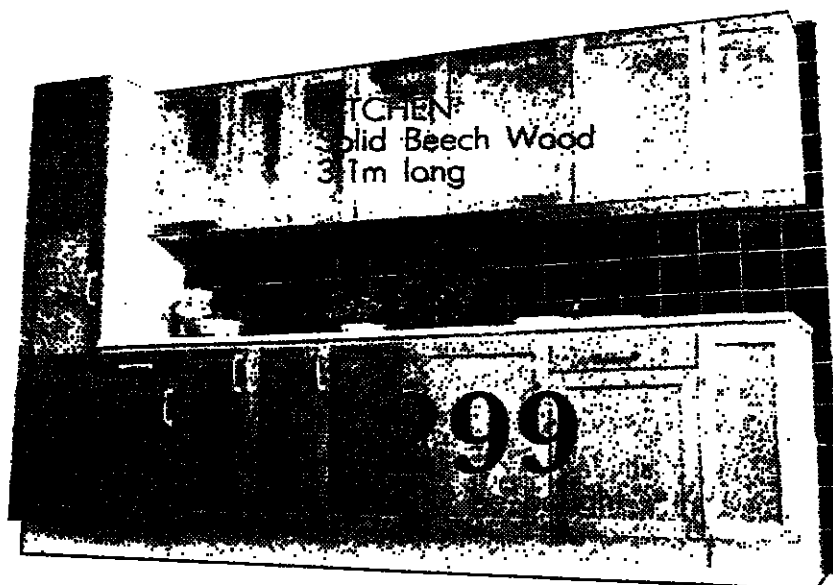
The two men said they got the whisky from a man who kept the liquor at his farm in Ugaia. When the police raided the farm they found a number of whisky boxes, but the man had disappeared.

Child killed

A CHILD died after being run over by a car yesterday in Kuwait.

There were 15 accidents, with four taking place in Hawalli, nine in Ahmadi and two in Jahra.

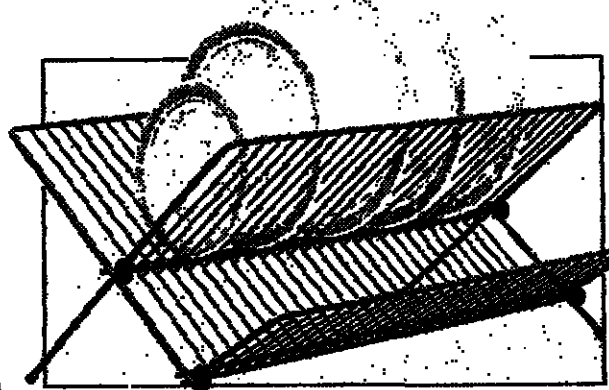
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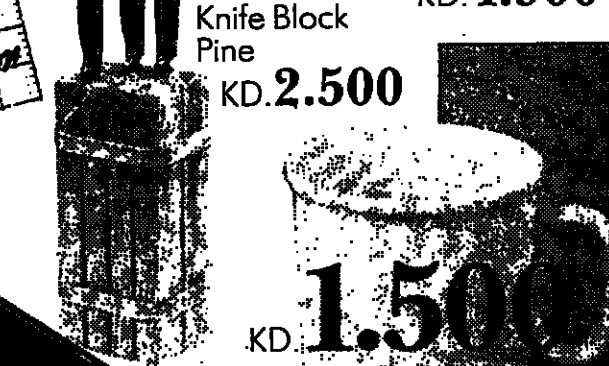
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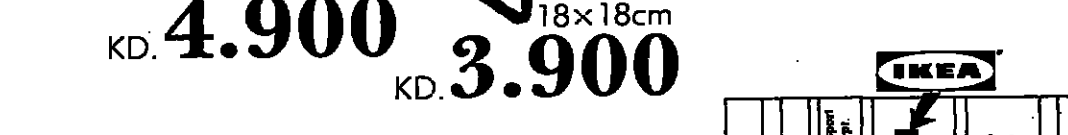
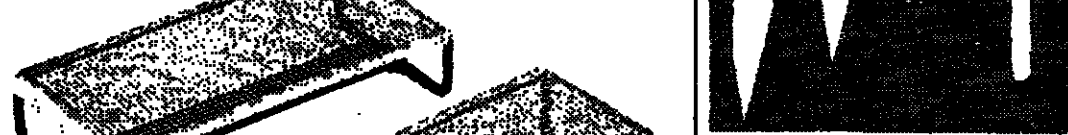
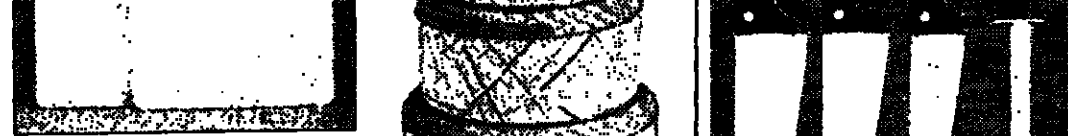
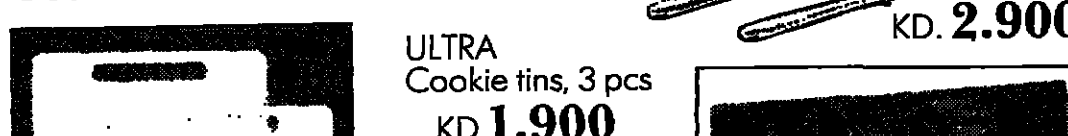
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Finding new ways to help you.

Kuwaitis encouraged to preserve old fishing methods

THE Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources recently distributed traditional Kuwaiti fishing traps in an effort to encourage Kuwaitis to preserve their old fishing methods.

A number of such fence traps are still seen near the coast. Each trap is named after its owner and even inherited by sons and relatives after his death.

But with the development of modern fishing methods, such as boats and nets, the use of traps

dropped sharply.

One user of the fence traps, Hamad Ibrahim, told the *Seyasah* newspaper that the traps are widely used in summer while some fishermen remove them in winter. He added that fence traps are not used much these days because fishermen prefer modern methods.

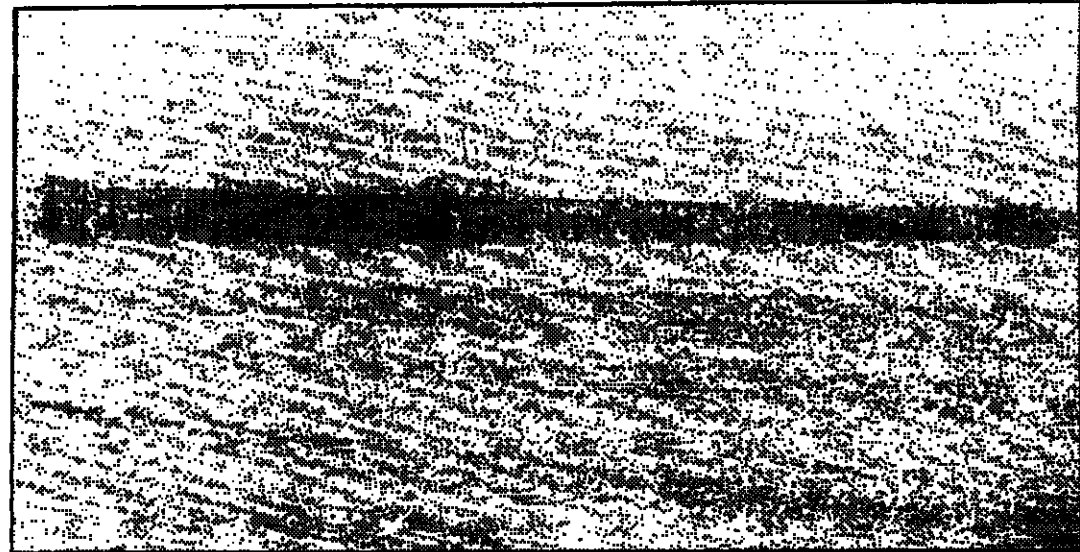
Returns

Formerly all kinds of fish were caught in the traps but now only one or two types were trapped, he said.

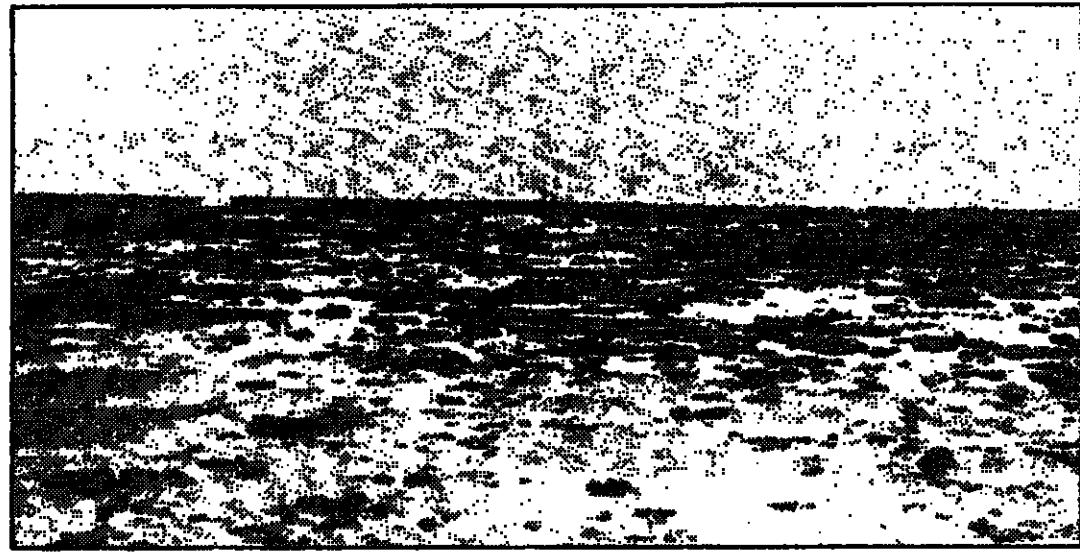
Ibrahim said that the financial returns from fence traps were very low at present and did not exceed KD300 a month, while maintenance costs over KD900 annually.

He claimed that some people erected traps in the sea but did not use them, thus preventing interested fishermen from using the area.

He appealed to officials to preserve the practice of using fence traps because this was a Kuwaiti tradition.



A trap at high tide (above) and at low tide (below).



Palestinian children continue protest at foreign embassies

A GROUP of Palestinian children continued yesterday their march to foreign embassies accredited to the state of Kuwait and delivered to them letters on the plight of the Palestinian people in "diaspora" and under the Israeli occupation.

The children, who started their drive on Tuesday by marching toward embassies of the five permanent members of the Security Council, met yesterday with the ambassadors of Japan, and Spain and a senior diplomat at the West German Embassy.

"We, the children of Palestine, have been deprived of our homeland and of visiting our homes where our grandfathers had lived for thousands of years but we still live with the hope of going back to our country", said a message read by one of the group's members and delivered to the embassies.

Suppressed

The message, seeking solidarity from all countries of the world to the Palestinian cause, drew the attention to the fact that the unarmed Palestinian children were being suppressed by heavily armed Israeli soldiers in addition to women and the elders who are being subjected to the worst kind of suppression, coercion, killing, torture, arrest and starvation at the hands of the Israeli soldiers and settlers in a way which violates the simplest human rights and

even takes mankind back to the law of the jungle.

The children appealed to the diplomats to convey the message to their respective governments to secure support to the cause of the Palestinian people and prevent further Israeli atrocities.

In the meanwhile, Palestinian professional and trade unions here as well as members of the

Palestinian National Council (Parliament in exile) sent today a cable to the president of the UN Security Council detailing Israeli brutalities against Palestinian people and urged the council to help stop annihilation of the people and work for withdrawal of the Israeli troops from the Arab lands and the creation of a Palestinian state.

Iraq opens canal linking Tigris and Euphrates

BAGHDAD, Jan 20. (Opecna) Iraqi Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation Karim Hassan Ridha inaugurated the second stage of the \$333-million Tharthar multipurpose irrigation project linking the Tigris and Euphrates rivers at the weekend.

Water started to flow in the Tharthar-Tigris canal which is 65 km long, 190 metres wide and between eight to 25 metres deep. The first stage, completed in 1976, involved the construction of the Tharthar-Euphrates canal.

The scheme, which will benefit three million farmers in the Euphrates river basin, has the capacity to drain surplus water at a rate of 1,100 cu. metres per second.

The first has a capacity to drain water at a rate of 300 cu. metres per second, while the

second can drain it at a rate of 600 cu. metres per second.

The project also involves eight bridges, including six for vehicular traffic, in addition to irrigation systems across the canals.

More than 61 million cu. metres of earth was moved and 157,000 cu. metres of concrete used to complete the project.

The Tharthar-Tigris canal will feed the Tigris river from the Tharthar artificial lake, when required, and help in desalinating the lake, which will be developed into a tourist area.

Earlier, a source at the Iraqi state commission for dams, which carried out the project, stated that the project would not only ensure the optimum use of the country's water resources but also minimise the danger of floods.



● Celebrating its fifth anniversary this year, Kids 'r' Us, opened their fourth showroom at Al Rihab Complex recently. The vice president, Abdulla M Fakir, opened the showroom in the presence of many visitors, including hundreds of children and their parents. BB Bear toured the showroom, and the Smurfs and four clowns gave away gifts to the children while a band played. Picture shows some children at the showroom.



HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, bidding farewell to Tunisia's Prime Minister, Hadi Baccouche (right), at Kuwait airport.

Kisr training course ends

THE closing ceremony for the third summer training course of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (Kisr) was held under the patronage of the Education Ministry Undersecretary, Abdul Rahman Al Khudari.

Kisr deputy director-general, Mohammad Al Asfoor, made a speech in which he said that use of computers was the main element of the course. He added that the course was part of Kisr's efforts to spread scientific awareness among graduates as a key pre-requisite for all scientific research activities.

He stressed the importance of

the role of science and research in the development of civilisation, in the fulfilment of national requirements, in implementation of development programmes that sought to qualify graduates to become scientists and researchers, and in development of scientific and creative talents.

Al Asfoor added that the course was taken by 26 secondary students from 13 schools where computers had not been introduced.

He urged students to do their best to be successful in all their scientific undertakings so that they could contribute to national development and play an active, positive part in building society.

Court refrains from passing sentence

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court refrained from passing sentence on a couple for having sexual intercourse, but made them give a pledge of good conduct for two months.

The court was told the man had intercourse twice with a 15-year-old girl with her approval, and she made it easy for the man to enter her room. The girl's employer caught the man when he attempted to enter the room again.

The couple admitted their action, but submitted their marriage contract and promised not to repeat such acts.

Scholastic activities develop talents

ABDUL AZIZ Al Hamdan, the Director of Kuwait's Capital educational area, said scholastic activities were a means of creating a generation of Kuwaitis who will develop their individual talents to use in cooperative efforts.

He added that the ministry's various programmes contributed to this attitude by encouraging students to realise their full potential in working towards national educational objectives.

Al Hamdan praised the ministry's concern in creating an atmosphere in which students could excel in all fields of study, adding that the ministry was constantly developing special programmes aimed at improving students' performance.

Vienna mayor in Riyadh

RIYADH, Jan 20. (Opecna) Relations between Saudi Arabia and Austria are witnessing steady progress, according to mayor of Vienna Dr Helmut Zilk who is here for a visit.

Zilk told reporters that his talks with the governor of Riyadh, Prince Salman Bin Abdulaziz, dealt with ways and means of strengthening relations between the two countries.

Praising the remarkable development made by Riyadh city Zilk underlined the importance of the relationship between the two capitals.

The Vienna mayor reminded his hosts of the historical links between Arab and Austrian cultures, pointing out that the first institute for Arabic studies was established in Vienna 200 years ago.

Dutch minister in Sanaa

SANAA, Jan 20. (Kuna): Holland's Foreign Minister, Hans van den Broek arrived here today from Khartoum on an official visit to Yemen Arab Republic.

Broek said in a statement to Saba's News Agency after his arrival that he will discuss with Yemeni officials international and regional issues which concern both sides as well as bilateral relations.

Cooperative society burgled

A KUWAITI daily reported that the lock of the main door of the Sabahiya and Ahmadi Cooperative Society in the Sabahiya area had been forced open and a large amount of money and commodities stolen from the premises.

Security men, investigating the Friday morning break-in, believe that a group of young boys are responsible, adding that a number of boys had been arrested last week charged with committing a similar crime at other cooperatives.

Labour camp ends

THE director of the 36th labour camp for youths Fahd Al Durai said yesterday that the youths translated the camp's goals into a "tangible reality" in a short period of time.

He added, in a word at the conclusion of the 36th labour camp, that who raised the slogan of "Kuwait, a green oasis", prepared the soccer field for the social care house and planted palm trees, believed in the importance of the country's afforestation.

Al Durai indicated that the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour furnished all facilities needed to make the camp a success which opened Jan 9 to create a positive youth personality.

The camp, in which 24 young people took part, targets enhancing the abilities and talents of the participants through exercising the various activities and getting to know each other.

Omani ship arrives in Sydney

SYDNEY, Jan 20. (Kuna): Sultanate of Oman's sail training ship "Shabab Oman" arrived here today to participate, together with two hundred Australian and international ships, in Australia's bicentenary celebrations Oman News Agency reported.

Shabab Oman, the only Arab ship participating in the ceremony, was received on arrival at the harbour by a number of Australian officials and marine officers, representative of the Sultan of Oman Navy Commander Hilal Binmohamed Al Rashdi and a number of members of the Arab communities in Australia.

Kuwait pays \$2m of UN dues

UNITED NATIONS, Jan 20. (Reuters): Kuwait delivered a cheque for \$2,099,971 to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar yesterday, representing its assessed UN contribution for 1988, a UN spokesman said.

Several members have paid their dues unusually early this year to help restore UN solvency. The Secretary General said funds were critically depleted by tardy payments and the failure of some members to pay any of their dues.

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Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, Al Sabah yesterday received former Lebanese Prime Minister Dr Amin Al Hafez, the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed, the Minister of Planning Mohammed Saleem Sayed Ali and Kuwaiti Ambassador to China Hassan Al Dabbagh. He also received several citizens of this public diwan.

Efforts to export agricultural produce

KHALED Al Rashed, the Managing Director of Kuwait Agricultural Products Company, said a number of agricultural authorities and European embassies in Kuwait had been contacted by the company to discuss the possibility of exporting the surplus of tomatoes which flooded the market from February to April each year. About 13 thousands tons of tomatoes are grown during this period, he said, which is in excess of the local consumer needs.

Obstacles

The managing director said the company sends small quantities of tomatoes to European countries such as France, Denmark, East Germany, Bulgaria, Sweden and Belgium, adding that one French company had offered to trade Kuwaiti tomatoes for French apples and that a Turkish company had agreed to market Kuwaiti tomatoes in Turkey.

Two obstacles face the export of tomatoes to Europe, he said, which are the high transportation costs and the absence of regular flights between Kuwait

and European countries. But the company is in contact with Kuwait Airways Corporation, he said, and KAC has expressed an interest in cooperating either toward the reduction in cargo charges or in securing the delivery of the Kuwaiti produce to the importers.

He added that the company has also contacted companies in Greece and Italy about the production of tomato paste in Kuwait.

Awadi meets Egyptian minister

CAIRO, Jan 20. (Kuna): Kuwait's Health Minister, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi and health ministers of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain met here today with Egyptian Health Minister Rabea Dawood.

The Egyptian Middle East News Agency Mena said the meeting discussed the cooperation in different fields, especially exchange of physicians, medical training, and pharmaceutical industries.



● A Gulf Air official, Saleh Issa Kindy (right), presents a Gulf Air return ticket to London to a member of the Kuwait Nomads Rugby Club, Geoff Bennett, who won it at the club's annual year end function.

Amateurs brave tanker war on New Zealand voyage

BAHRAIN, Jan 20. (Reuters): A New Zealand couple, a Dutch pair and a Briton all boarded a 42-foot catamaran in the Gulf and sailed for New Zealand today, undaunted by things that go bang in the waterway at war.

"I will keep watch at night for black things with funny little bits sticking out," said 30-year-old Dutch woman Agnus van Galen when asked if she knew what mines looked like.

The catamaran captain, Peter Lund-Jackson, 40, from New Zealand, said the first week on the 10,000-mile voyage would be the most dangerous "because of the political set-up in the Gulf and the shipping war."

"I don't know how (the Iranians) will react to us," he added. His 35-year-old wife Trish said they would sail in shallows near Arab coasts to avoid meeting Iranian speed boats.

Friends and well-wishers saw the adventurers off on their voyage from a Bahrain yacht club.

Iraqi warplanes, Iranian gunboats and floating mines damaged about 170 vessels in the Gulf last year, a 50 per cent rise in incidents reported in 1986.

Officially, the Gulf has been declared free of mines.

But Lund-Jackson told Reuters "we will sail only in daytime and anchor at night. We will keep a very heavy watch at night for floating objects or strange boats approaching us."

An air traffic controller in Bahrain for the past five years, he is the only crew member with long-voyage experience. He decided on the trip two and a half years ago when the Gulf "tanker war" was just starting.

"The threat then was not like now ... should we let the threat stop us and worry us or go ahead? We are not a threat to anyone and will keep a good look out," Trish said.

"We are far too financially committed," Lund-Jackson said when asked if he had considered abandoning the 10-month trip.

The New Zealand couple built the twin-hull raft for \$54,000 but did not insure it. "The Gulf is a war zone and the premiums are outrageous," Lund-Jackson said.

He had written about the voyage to Dutch friends Agnus and her husband Bas van Galen, a helicopter pilot.

Experience

"We discussed it and our decision was easy. We quit our jobs, left home and came here to sail with them," Agnus said.

Lund-Jackson once sailed a single hull boat from Taiwan to San Francisco and has also left his job to make the new trip.

He invited his British friend, 37-year-old carpenter Steven Cowen, 37, to join them.

"Pete is the only one with the real experience, but we are all fast learners," said Cowen.

"When I heard from Pete it sounded like a great trip. I said 'what the hell I'll do it. But, because of the Gulf dangers, he added, 'My girlfriend thought I was a little crazy.'"

Iraq announces multimillion-dollar plan for restoration of Babylon

BAGHDAD, Jan 20. (AP): Iraq announced yesterday a multimillion-dollar plan for the reconstruction of new sections of the fabled Biblical city of Babylon.

"The second phase for the restoration and reconstruction of this old capital of ancient Mesopotamia started on Sunday and is expected to take nine months," said Muzaid Saeed, the director of antiquities at the Ministry of Culture and Information.

The restoration will include the palace of King Nebuchadnezzar "one of Babylon's greatest monuments," Saeed told the Associated Press in a telephone interview.

The Hanging Gardens of Babylon, built by Nebuchadnezzar, who reigned in the 6th and 5th centuries B.C. in the compound of his palace were considered one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

The first phase of the 30-million-dollar restoration ended in September with the recon-

struction of a number of palaces and monuments including the city's Greek amphitheater.

Work is continuing despite Iraq's involvement in a fierce war against Iran for the past seven years.

The restoration of the city, 60 miles from Baghdad, by hundreds of Iraqi craftsmen exempted from war service, has become a symbol of the war-battered country's efforts to revive its historical greatness.

Excavations

"We will carry out our ambitious programme to restore the whole 23-square-kilometre area of the ancient city, which is expected to take six to 10 years," Saeed said.

He said work on the ancient site includes excavations in parts unexamined before.

"It was really impossible to dig everywhere in the city, which used to have a great number of monuments, and we expect that in carrying out new excavations we will come across new finds

that will reveal more of the greatness of the city," Saeed added. He said the work is "being carried out exclusively by Iraqis, with no foreigners involved."

Babylon was one of Mesopotamia's major cities with an estimated population of one million people. It was one of the most powerful and cultured places on earth until it was overrun by King Cyrus of Persia in 539 B.C.

The Iraqi government staged a month-long international culture and music festival at the ancient site on the completion of the first phase of its restoration in September.

The opening of the festival coincided with the seventh anniversary of the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq war.

Culture and Information Minister Latif Nayef Jassim, who opened the festival, declared, then that "It is not mere coincidence that this event is taking place as the war enters its eighth year."



Table Talk

BY DINAH

I WONDER if, like me, you have often walked through the Salhia Complex behind the Meridian Hotel without being aware that there is a Chinese restaurant hidden away on the second mezzanine floor. Behind the ornately carved moon gate entrance-way of the Peking Chinese Restaurant is a quiet simple wood-paneled room with some private eating areas screened off behind sliding doors. Although the carved Chinese screens, ceiling and painted lanterns are very attractive, the restaurant itself is a little dingy and lacking in atmosphere. The chairs are not that comfortable and could certainly do with some new covers. We were at first put off by the incongruous Western disco music but were relieved when it was replaced by some gentle Asian ballads. Good quality ivory chopsticks provided in addition to spoons and forks, but the rest of the tableware was mismatched and rather cheap — Chinese tea being served in Turkish coffee cups, for example.

Because our first impressions were so negative, we were very pleasantly surprised by the excellence of the food itself

Quality food at Chinese diner

when it arrived. The menu offers over 150 dishes ranging through beef, poultry, seafood, mutton, noodles, soups and rice and including delicacies such as shark's fin, bird's nest, sea-cucumber and Peking Duck. Some items were not available or needed to be ordered in advance, however. Guests can select either large or small portions of each dish; the small servings being adequate for two people when a variety of dishes is ordered.

Appetiser
We began the meal with prawn crackers — the perfect light appetiser if you don't feel hungry enough for the rather filling Chinese soups. The tasty, crisp crackers were excellent, although rather expensive at 750 fils for a small plate. All of the main course dishes we chose were cooked to perfection. Light and delicate in flavour they were ideal for those who prefer their food without rich sauces. The Fried Prawn Slices comprised a generous helping of very fresh prawns, subtly flavoured with a hint of ginger and served with bamboo shoots, carrots, peas and mushrooms. This dish was certainly good value at KD2.

The Fried Beef with Char Chai was also excellent. Best quality tender beef, finely shredded with onions and pickled seaweed, it had a melting texture and was seasoned with a dash of Szechuan pepper. The Vegetarian's Delight was a tasty dish with the fresh natural flavour of green and yellow peppers, onions, two varieties of mushrooms and glass nood-

dles. To accompany these dishes we chose Fried Rice with Chicken: a light mixture of rice, spring onions, peas and chicken strips.

Dessert
If you go to eat at the Peking, I would advise you not to bother with dessert. Although about ten different sweets were mentioned on the menu, in fact only two were available. The liches with ice-cream was simply tinned liches with vanilla ice-cream, while the almond jelly consisted of squares of a rather tasteless jelly with tinned fruit salad.

The total bill came to KD11.770 which included Chinese tea (400 fils) and compulsory mineral water charged at 400 fils. A ten per cent service charge is also added to the bill. We could have eaten more cheaply if we had skipped the desserts (KD1.400) and the prawn crackers.

The service was friendly and efficient and the food arrived promptly. That the restaurant is popular with the Asian community is perhaps the best recommendation for the quality of the food served there. The Peking is open for lunch 12-3pm and dinner from 6.30-11pm.

RESTAURANT: The Peking Chinese Restaurant
TYPE: Chinese restaurant in the Salhia Complex
MEALS: Three course a la carte
PRICE: KD11.770
Star rating (out of five):
FOOD: ****
SERVICE: ****
ATMOSPHERE: **
VALUE FOR MONEY: ****

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Cartoons
- 10.05 Fi Rihab Tarbiya: an educational programme presented by Jassim Al Ghareib.
- 11.00 Songs
- 11.30 Islam Wal Insaan: "Islam and Man", religious programme, hosted by Dr Abdul Suboor Al Shahin.
- 12.00 Ma Da'a Wa Anhamu Min Akhar Jahan: Arabic serial, part 3, starring Sheza Salem, Khalil Rifai, Mohammad Hussain Abdul Rahim.
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.20 World News via Satellite
- 2.00 Liqa Al Khamis: roundup of local events
- 3.30 Bahas An Mofli: cartoons
- 4.00 News Summary
- 4.15 The Saint: featuring Roger Moore
- 5.25 Maktabat Ala Wa Hina: children's programme
- 6.00 Alwan: presented by Rasha Magdi
- 7.00 News Summary
- 7.05 Show Jumping, presented by Ali Hamdi
- 7.30 Mahfoum Ayesh Farhan: Arabic serial. Starring: Sayeda Kawari, Basma Hamada, Hilal Mohammad.
- 8.30 With Islam: hosted by Dr. Khalid Al Madhkour
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 10.00 From People's Art
- 10.25 Addaiya: Arabic feature film starring Nadia Jundi, Saeed Saleh, Tahya Karioka, Waheed Saif. The film is about divorce and its consequences.
- 12.00 Late Night Variety Show: hosted by Rasha Magdi.
- 1.30 News Summary
- 1.35 World News via Satellite
- 2.15 Holy Quran/Closedown

FRIDAY

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.30 Children's Magazine
- 10.00 News Summary
- 10.05 World News via Satellite
- 10.20 Hikayat Min Alami: Stories from Around the World.
- 11.00 Lecture on Rites in Islam
- 11.15 Friday Prayer
- 12.15 Min Wahi Al Ayaat Al Bayanat: religious serial.
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.20 World News via Satellite
- 2.00 Preview of next week's programme on KTV
- 2.30 Hadith Deeni: religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutwalli Sharawi.
- 3.15 INTERVAL
- 4.00 Sports
- 4.15 Falah Fauq Al Shajrah: Arabic play, starring Ahmad Bader, Mimi Jamal and Hassan Mustafa
- 6.15 Kuwait in a Week
- 7.00 News Summary
- 7.10 Kul al Funoon: hosted by Rasha Magdi.
- 7.45 Weekly Discussion
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 10.00 Wrestling
- 10.45 Qulub Eind Al Maraf: ep. 3 Arabic play featuring Maryam Al Saleh, Huda Hussain, Ibrahim Al Harbi. A social series on the role of the family in Kuwait and Bahrain.
- 11.50 News Summary
- 11.55 World News via Satellite
- 12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

Millionaire Nick Foley (Joseph Bologna) adopted daughter, Patty, goes to live with her real mother.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Max Headroom: "Academy". A small TV network is accused of disrupting services.

9.30 Bill Cosby Show: "Golden Anniversary". The children plan a surprise party for Mum and Dad on their marriage anniversary.

10.00 Paul Daniels Magic Show

10.30 Late Night Movie: "Fletch". Starring Chevy Chase, Tim Matheson, Richard Libertini. Chase plays an obnoxious newspaper reporter who uncovers a network of police drug dealers and corrupt businessmen when he's hired to murder a tycoon. Directed by Michael Ritchie. Duration: 97 minutes.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY

- 3.00 Holy Quran
- 3.10 Sports Studio: roundup of world and local sporting events.
- 6.00 She Ra — Princess of Power: "The Prisoners of Beast Island"
- 6.30 Airwolf: "Black Jack". The Airwolf team is captured by gangsters in the Far East.
- 7.30 Spitting Image
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Breaking Away
- 9.05 Matlock: "The Seduction". Matlock defends a football player, accused of killing his wife.
- 9.30 Weekend: local programme
- 10.00 What A Country: "California Dream". The students are asked to discuss a

KTV 2

- 3.00 Holy Quran
- 3.10 Sports Studio: Big League Soccer, American basketball and sports magazine
- 6.00 Centurions: "Battle Beneath the Sea"
- 6.30 The Mickey Mouse Club: friendship is the theme of tonight's episode.
- 7.00 Rags to Riches: "Patty's Mom"

Friday

- Kuwait
- Al Mojil Pharmacy
- Mojil Bldg., Abdullah Al Mubarak St.
- Baghdad Pharmacy
- Abdullah Al Salem St.
- Hawalli and Nugra
- Al Saadah Pharmacy
- Nr. Tawari Mosque, Othman St.
- Salmiya and Rumaihiya

- Al Raed Pharmacy
- Amman St.
- Jleeb Al Shiyook
- Hassawi Pharmacy
- Block 2, Main St.
- Jahra
- Al Noor Pharmacy
- Abdul Aziz
- Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.
- Fahsheel and Almadhi
- Al Wafa Pharmacy
- Dabbous Palace, Dabbous St., F'heel

Kuwait National History Group

The next meeting of the group will be held from 7.30 pm on Tuesday, Jan 26, at the Gulf English School. An illustrated talk on Kashmir will be given by Ian Donaldson. For further details contact Eric Shaw. Tel: 3718417.

Winter Serenade

The Kuwait Players Winter Serenade will be an evening to remember — haute cuisine, music, sparkling and show stoppers, nostalgic ballads, moody blues and celebrated classics performed by Ross, Jenny, Lynley, Reem, Rosie and Carol. Directed by Peter Godfrey, Ross Langhorne and Glenis Muckle. It will be held in the Grand Ballroom, Meridian Hotel, on Feb. 1, 2, and 3, Feb. 4 Gala Dinner and show at 7.30 pm. For details ring 2656265; 5334695 or 5730641.

HOTELS

At Messilah Beach
Al Mubarakiah features lunch and dinner, open 24 hours. Special barbecue evenings held on Thursday night in Al Jawharah supper club. Sumptuous buffet with all the trimmings. On Friday, special Friday buffet for all the family in Al Mubarakiah and Al Jawharah features children's party with band, clown, games and prizes, from 4 pm to 7 pm.

At the Hilton
Jazz brunch featured in La Palma on Friday. The brunch buffet features specialties of the deep American south like crispy corn patties, sugared yams, New Orleans jambalaya, cajun rice and much more. Enjoy the food while listening to jazz blues played by the Magnetic Band Quartet.

At the SAS
Every Tuesday is Sahrat Al Khema oriental night. Experience the exotic charm of the Orient at the Tent. Arabian bazaar, perfumes, jewellery, clothes and rugs are some of the attractions. Dinner, live music and raffle prizes.

At the Ramada Al Salam

Daily lunch, chef's special, and dinner buffet at Coffee Shop; from Sunday to Friday, steak and seafood specialties featured for dinner at El Mersa Restaurant, open from 7pm to 1.30 am. Family brunch on Fridays from 12 noon to 3 pm. Highlights will be magician, painting competition, games and ship's discovery tour.

At the Continental
Gardenia offers food and beverage service on the Terrace. Daily dinner buffet and on Fridays, lunch buffet with charcoal grilled specialties. Darbar features daily lunch buffet and a la carte for dinner.

At the Sheraton
Special lunch and dinner buffets featuring Lebanese cuisine offered for dinner on Thursday night. Enjoy Lebanese cuisine for lunch and dinner in Le Tarbouche on Fridays. Al Hamba features a special buffet lunch from 11 am to 4 pm on Fridays.

At the Meridian
Tonight, enjoy an evening of foot-tapping music at Remy and Tony's jam session in La Brasserie. Eat to the beat and enjoy seafood buffet featuring a wide array of dishes. The promotion of giant croissant sandwich continues in the Al Fingan and Al Waha restaurants. The croissant sandwich is made with lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, beef and other ingredients.

SPORTS

Ahmed Kart Racing
The fifth round of Kuwait National Drivers' Championship will be held on Friday. First round of ladies' championship. Races begin at 1 pm.

All entries for the What's On Column can be telefaxed (22332) to Events Section, or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned entries will not be accepted.

Prayers

Al Andalus
Al Nimr Wal Unsa (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim

Al Sahm
The Living Daylights
Starring: Timothy Dalton

Al Hamra
Ya Sadiqi Kam Tasawi (Arabic)
Starring: Farouq Fishawi, Safiya Al Omari

Drive-In
Al Nimr Wal Unsa (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim

Al Firdous
Kaash (Hindi)
Starring: Jackie Shroff, Dimple Kapadia

Fahsheel Open-Air
Watan Ke Rakhwale (Hindi)
Starring: Dharmendra.

Sunil Dutt

Al-Fahsheel
Rajlakhi Srikantu (Bengali)

Al Jahra
La'anat Al Maal (Arabic)

Granada
One Crazy Summer

Sulaibikhat
Ajantha (Malayalam)

Al Jleeb
Hawalat (Hindi)

Ahmad Drive-In
Binaat Haratna (Arabic)

Al Jahra
Police Story

Granada
Mahaan (Hindi)
Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Zeenat Aman

Sulaibikhat
Choose Me

Al Jleeb
Hirasat (Hindi)

PRAYERS

Fajr 5.19 am
Zuhr 12.00
Asr 2.58 pm
Maghreb 5.17
Isha 6.37

Friday

Fajr 5.19 am
Friday Prayer 12.00 noon
Asr 2.58 pm
Maghreb 5.18
Isha 6.38

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Garnata Pharmacy
Rashid Bldg., Fahad Al Salem St.
Al Ameen Pharmacy
Behbehani Complex, Jaber Al Mubarak St.

Hawalli and Nugra
Al Hawalli Pharmacy

Tunis St.
Salmiya and Rumaihiya
Qortuba Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak St.
Fahsheel and Ahmad
Al Sadaf Pharmacy
Makkah St., F'heel
Farwaniya
Al Najat Pharmacy
Main St.
Jahra
Al Khalid Pharmacy
Opp Cooperative Society

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

National Museum
Modern art paintings by Kuwaiti artist Ahmed Al Muniy will be displayed at the National Museum from Jan 24, Sunday. The exhibition will be open from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 6 pm.

Dahiyat Abdullah
Al Salem Gallery
An exhibition of paintings by Arab artist Rida Saleh will be held from Jan 23 to 30 at the Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery in Mansouriya. It will be open from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm.

THEATRE

KLT-Comedy
The next production at KLT is a comedy Say Who You Are, directed by Steve Prescott. The gala performance is at 7 pm on Feb. 1. Repeat performances are at 7.30 pm on Feb. 2, 3, and 4. Tickets — KD 3. For reservations call 3947651. Tickets must be collected from the box office two days before the performance date.

SOCIAL

Children's Books Exhibition
A children's book exhibition will be held from Jan 23 to 28 at the British Council's in Mansouriya. The exhibition will feature award-winning books by prominent British illustrators and authors exhibited at the Frankfurt International Book Fair. The exhibition has been sponsored by the British Council and is being held in cooperation with the Kuwait Bookshop.

Kuwait Welsh Society
New Year's lunch on Friday, Jan 29, 12.30 pm. For further details phone 4874548 or 3940743/4 ext 231 after 4.30 pm.



A scene from Friday's Japanese film, Makioka Sister.

Contact
The ladies information group, Contact, will be held on Jan 30, Saturday, from 10 am at the SAS Hotel. Newcomers particularly welcome. Tel: 3949807; 4874513; 5383999.

Story Time
The British Council will hold a story-telling session for children from 10.30 am on Thursday, Jan 28, at the British Council library. Children of all nationalities are welcome.

Kuwait Caledonians
Kuwait Caledonians will hold Burns Night at 7.30 pm on Jan 28 at Messilah Beach Hotel. Guest speaker will be Bob Crempsey. For details phone 5610673.

Neelam Ghar
Neelam Ghar, a quiz show, will be held on Friday, Jan 22, at Carlton Tower Hotel. Admission by invitation only. For details phone Zulficar or Anous — 4814733; 2427388; 2445324 or Haroon Sayeed — 5659336.

Sargam Music Show
Sargam, a local group, will hold a music show at Messilah Beach Hotel at 6.30 pm on Feb 3. A selection of popular Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi and English songs will be presented. Entertainment also includes fire dance, lava dance and a magic show. For details phone 3260455, 7 am to 3 pm.

Japan Week
Jan 21: Kite flying competition, from 9 am to 1 pm, at the Science Club.

The following events will be held at the Hilton Hotel. Jan. 22 children's exhibition, also featuring award winning art works by Kuwaiti children, on loan from the 1987 International Art Exhibition held in Yokohama. Open from 4 to 9 pm Jan. 22 From Jan 23 to 25, open from 9 am to 1 pm and 4 to 9 pm Jan. 23: seminar on Japanese education; 9 am to 1 pm; Ikebana School — 11 am to 1 pm; Piano concert by Cairo-based pianist Junko Nakayama. Jan 24. Ikebana

School, 11 am to 1 pm; martial arts — 3 pm; and tea ceremony — 5 pm.

Children's art work show: from Jan 22 to 25, open daily from 9 am to 1 pm and 4 to 9 pm.

Japanese Film Week: at the Hilton's Terrace Room. All films are in Japanese with Arabic subtitles. Jan 22, 4 pm, Snow Fairy; 7 pm, The Makioka Sisters. Jan 23: 4 pm, The Dragon Boy; 7 pm, Sanjuri, directed by Kurosawa. Jan 24: 4 pm, The Yamashita Story (Judo story); 7 pm The Longest Tunnel. Jan 25: Tora San's Forbidden Love, a comedy, 7 pm.

A seminar on Japanese business will be held on Feb 3 at the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Building from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm. A token admission fee will be charged for some events. For further details, and confirmation of schedule, contact Tel: 2518155/2518440 or the Japanese Society — 2533000 ext 1156.

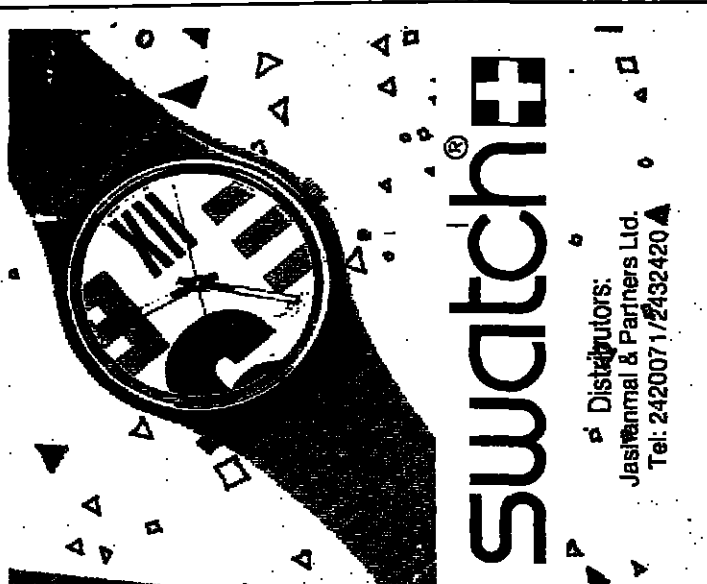
dream they would like fulfilled.

10.30 Crime Story: "The Battle of Las Vegas". Lucas dominates the night club business in Las Vegas.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

Spitting Image. Friday's comedy at 7.30 pm on KTV2.



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LET us be happy and live within our means, even if we have to borrow the money to do it with — Artemus Ward, US revolutionary commander (1727-1800).

Hitting hard where it hurts

By Dan Izenberg

YAVNE, Israel, (AP): A 20-year Israeli policy of employing Palestinians has been threatened by six weeks of unrest in the occupied territories in which up to half the workers have failed to show up at their jobs.

Government officials have played down the impact on the economy, but Israeli employers warn they will have to bring more labourers from abroad if the disturbances continue.

About 105,000 Palestinians from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip work in Israel, most concentrated in low-skilled and low-paying jobs.

They work as waiters, mechanics, furniture makers, construction labourers, hospital orderlies, itinerant fruit pickers, cleaners, dishwashers and garbage collectors.

Many are found in the so-called "slave markets" on the highway leading out of the Gaza Strip or near the old, walled city of occupied Jerusalem where they wait, sometimes in vain, to be picked up by Jewish employers at the day's arbitrary rate.

Acute

The past six weeks of unrest has forced many to stay home. The problem is especially acute in the Gaza Strip where teen-aged Palestinians have blocked roads and stoned vehicles carrying workers to Israel. The youths accuse the adults of collaborating with Israel by working for Jewish employers.

For its part, the Army has imposed curfews on more than a dozen refugee camps and ordered all residents to stay indoors to suppress the disturbances.

The result is that on some days more than 50,000 Palestinians — about three per cent of the Israeli labour force — have failed to come to work.

For many reasons, Palestinian labour is a sensitive issue and officials are reluctant to admit that the labour loss is causing difficulties for Israel's economy, including the crucial export sector.

One example is the 10-week citrus harvest which began two weeks ago and is one of Israel's largest agricultural exports.

The harvest employs 15,000 fruit pickers, half of them Palestinians, according to Avner Michaeli, spokesman for the Government Employment Service.

To meet the crisis, Labour Minister Moshe Katzav granted work permits to 550 more residents of Israeli-controlled south Lebanon. About 1,250 Lebanese already work in Israel.

At the same time Education Minister Yitzhak Navon sent 10,000 students to the orchards.

"We won't leave a single fruit on the tree just because of the Arab workers," said Michaeli, who added that demobilised soldiers and civil service volunteers would also be brought in if necessary.

It is easy to tap national sentiment for the citrus harvest. Agriculture and the return to the land were key elements of the Zionist revival and continue to evoke deep emotions among Israelis even today.

The same is not true for other hard-hit sectors of the economy, and Israeli businessmen are seeking less sentimental solutions.

Koby Rogobin, owner of a Tel Aviv construction company, said he wanted to import 40 Portuguese workers to take over scaffolding, plastering and floor-laying jobs from absent Arabs.

"The Arabs don't come regularly and you can't run a business this way," Rogobin said.

Israel already employs 10,000 workers from such countries as Portugal, Ghana, the Philippines and Taiwan. Only one-quarter of them have work permits.

Chaim Kaminitz, manager of the Argaman Textile Factory in Yavne, 40 miles (65 kilometres) southwest of Jerusalem, said he would seek more foreign workers if the unrest continued.

The 900-man factory employs 150 Palestinians from the Gaza Strip. Many stayed away during the unrest and production dropped, although Kaminitz declined to provide figures.

Soviets mend fences with neutral Sweden

By Helen Womack

OSLO, (Reuters): Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov has largely succeeded in mending fences with neutral Sweden but has severely disappointed Norwegians during his tour of Scandinavia.

In Stockholm, he achieved a breakthrough in a 19-year-old row over territorial waters in the Baltic Sea, signing an accord which gave Sweden 75 per cent of the disputed zone.

Sweden's Social Democratic Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson had made a Baltic agreement a condition for improving bilateral relations after several years of strain over alleged foreign submarine intrusions in Swedish waters.

"The agreement is good economically, good strategically and good for our internal security. Never has a small nation produced such a successful result from negotiations with a superpower," Carlsson told reporters last week.

Benefit

But in Nato-member Norway, Labour Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland said she was very disappointed that Ryzhkov had only reshaped proposals already rejected by Oslo for sharing out the sea and continental shelf in the Barents Sea in the Arctic.

"There is no movement in the direction we had hoped for. There is little that indicates a change and that is a disappointment," she said after talks on Thursday.

Moscow, which last sent a prime minister to Scandinavia in the early 1970s, wants to develop ties with the small but successful industrial states largely for economic reasons.

In both Norway and Sweden it hopes to attract business interest in establishing joint ventures in the Soviet Union and it would like to take advantage of Norwegian expertise in exploiting off-shore oil deposits.

In Stockholm, Ryzhkov reported he had found Swedish businessmen too timid to make

the most of new trade opportunities which he said had arisen as a result of Kremlin economic reforms. But he expressed satisfaction with an improvement in the political climate, which he said was auspicious for future cooperation.

In Oslo, although he thanked Brundtland for a series of useful meetings, he seemed grimmer.

"If you don't agree with what we have offered, let us hear your proposals," he said with a flash of impatience after outlining the plan he had put forward for making the Barents Sea a "zone of trust" where both sides would have equal economic rights.

During the visit, he also elaborated on Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's Murmansk initiative for building security and cooperation in the Northern Hemisphere and invited Soviet naval observers to attend Soviet naval manoeuvres in 1988.

Norwegian officials responded more positively to these proposals, saying they would study them carefully in consultation with the Nato allies. Sweden said it would discuss them with its Nordic neighbours.

But Western defence experts said Nato was likely to be cool towards plans for scrapping naval activities in large areas of the Atlantic which would cripple its ability to protect major shipping lanes.

Impressed

The tour produced a number of small treaties including one with both Sweden and Norway on exchanging information in the event of a nuclear accident.

Throughout the trip, Ryzhkov impressed reserved Scandinavians with his quiet, unpolished approach. His wife Lyudmila also pleased with a low-key personality in contrast to the stylishness of Gorbachev's wife Raisa.

But Ryzhkov prompted Scandinavians to question the Kremlin's commitment to openness by cancelling a television interview in Sweden after the screening of a programme on the history of anti-Russian feeling in the country.

Badshah Khan fought for Pathan rights

By Rahimullah Yousufzai

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, (UPI): Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, dubbed the "Frontier Gandhi" for leading the non-violent struggle against British rule among tribes along the Afghan border, died after a long illness, hospital sources said. He was 98.

Ghaffar Khan was one of the last surviving legendary leaders of the subcontinent's "Quit India" movement.

Ghaffar Khan spent 16 years in jails for his leadership role in the non-violent struggle against British rule that brought independence to the subcontinent in 1947.

But unlike those who advocated partition of the subcontinent into Hindu India and Muslim Pakistan, Khan called for the preservation of a single nation. He was labelled a "traitor" and a "foreign agent" by the Islamabad government.

After independence, he was imprisoned for a further 16 years and spent more than five years in self-exile for launching a

movement against the alleged discrimination by Pakistan's majority Punjabis against the ethnic Pathan community, which populates the North West Frontier Province (NWFP) and northern Afghanistan.

India, however, has always honoured him and in 1987 conferred on Ghaffar Khan the nation's highest award, the Bharat Ratna, for his contributions and sacrifices in freedom struggle.

Born in 1890, the tribal leader was the son of a rich landlord of the NWFP. He joined the British Army, but soon resigned in protest when a fellow Pathan officer was insulted by an English officer.

After his wife died in 1912, Ghaffar Khan devoted his life to the freedom struggle, social reform and the education of Pathans.

In 1929, he founded a social movement called "Khudai Khidmatgar" (Servants of God) to infuse the spirit of community service among Pathans. His followers were known as "Red Shirts."

But a year later, he converted



Ghaffar Khan: leader of the organisation into a political movement and held protests against British rule for which he was frequently imprisoned.

independence leader and apostle of non-violence.

He was released in 1964 by Pakistan, but the six-foot-three (1.9 metre) spiritual leader of the Pathans was known to them as "Badshah (King) Khan."

Because of Ghaffar Khan's politics before and after the partition of India and Pakistan, his son Abdul Wali Khan said his father spent "every third year of his life in jail."

Ghaffar Khan spent his last years in relative obscurity in Pakistan and was far more popular in India than in his native land.

In the spring of 1987, Ghaffar Khan was treated for three months at New Delhi's All India Institute of Medical Sciences as a guest of Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and at the expense of the Indian government. After he was honoured with India's highest civilian award, he returned to Pakistan accompanied by several Indian ministers as a sign of respect.

Mubarak's signal to Arab world

Peace treaty with Israel is irrevocable

By Maurice Guindl

CAIRO, (AP): President Hosni Mubarak sent the Arab world a clear signal during a recent six-nation Gulf tour that Egypt's 1979 peace treaty with Israel is here to stay.

But the President tempered this with repeated assurances that the treaty does not prevent Egypt from helping fellow Arabs militarily in the face of a possible threat from Iran.

Mubarak was received with great warmth throughout the tour, which took him fellow moderate countries — Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman. All but Oman had severed diplomatic ties with Cairo after conclusion of the treaty with Israel and restored them only last November.

Mubarak undertook the tour to express gratitude, spotlight Egypt's return to the Arabs' good graces and underline a commitment to help fellow Arabs without prejudice to his peace treaty obligations.



Mubarak: assurance heart (Egypt) so the Arab body can recover its strength.

Natural

The public praise heaped on Mubarak by officials and government-guided newspapers in the countries he visited illustrate that the tour paid off in greatly improved relations and increased personal stature for the President.

The prestigious Saudi newspaper Al Riyadh wrote that Egypt's comeback "is like the return of the soul to the whole Arab nation (world)."

"It was strategic stupidity to immobilize Egypt's role," the newspaper said. "The only natural alternative was for the Arabs to regain their throbbing

heart (Egypt) so the Arab body can recover its strength."

Upholds

This portrayal was significant coming from a country that was a prime mover in Egypt's ostracism in the first place.

In every capital visited, Mubarak broke from his normal practice at home and made a point of briefing reporters. Almost always, he deftly, albeit indirectly, upheld the peace treaty even while criticising Israel on various counts.

Nowhere was there the slightest ring of apology or hint of embarrassment about Egypt's status of being at peace with the

Jewish state. Neither was there any indication that any of his once-resentful hosts had questioned Egypt's adherence to the treaty.

At a news conference in Kuwait, Mubarak recalled the 1978 US-mediated Camp David framework accords between Egypt and Israel. He noted that one of the accords laid down foundations for the treaty to be negotiated, the other guidelines for solving the problem of the Palestinians.

Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, twice called Mubarak during his tour appealing for him

to intercede with Israel to stop its crackdown on Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

The only Arab leader with an embassy in Tel Aviv, Mubarak is in a unique position to do so.

No

Mubarak repeatedly was asked during the tour whether he planned diplomatic reprisals such as severing relations or recalling Egypt's ambassador or expelling Israel's.

His reply invariably was a firm but diplomatically couched no.

In the Saudi capital Riyadh, he said: "If breaking relations will solve the problem, well and good. But if it will complicate the problem, then we should use the mind God has given us ... It would not be practical."

"Israel would like to sever relations with it today so it can have the United States all to itself. Frankly, we will not leave the field to Israel."

Nevertheless, Mubarak criticised Israel for harshness against protesters in the occupied territories, where at least 39 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli troops since Dec 8.

He took Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to task for reneging on an agreement by his predecessor Shimon Peres, now Israel's Foreign Minister, to an international conference as a forum for negotiating peace with the Arabs.

Despite such criticism, however, Mubarak stuck to Egypt's peace-with-Israel policy.

"There is no tension in relations (with Israel)," he told reporters in Bahrain's capital Manama.

He also said Egypt will feel free to buy anything Israel is selling if prices are competitive.

On the other hand, Mubarak repeatedly assured his Arab hosts that the Israel treaty does not hinder Egypt's discharge of its commitments under the 1950 Arab Joint Defence Pact. That accord stipulates collective defence measures against aggression.

"There is absolutely no conflict between the joint defence agreement and the treaty with Israel," he said.

He noted that the peace treaty invokes the supremacy of the UN charter, which includes an article providing for collective self-defence.

Mubarak cited the 1950 defence document and Egypt's solidarity with the Arabs as justification for his repeated offers of military help to the Gulf Arabs. He refused to be specific, but Cairo officials made clear any assistance, at least in the near future, would consist of arms and military experts only.

Deter

Mubarak said he already is honouring the pledges through military supplies to Iraq that Egyptian officials value at about \$1.5 billion since 1981.

Osama Al-Baz, Mubarak's chief political aide and member of the touring delegation, told reporters that none of the Gulf leaders asked Mubarak for Egyptian troops.

Assessing the visits, Al Baz said: "What we heard in the Arab Gulf countries we visited was most encouraging ... We can say that the President is very satisfied and happy with the results achieved."

Kuwait newspapers also voiced happiness with the tour and said Egypt's weight behind Gulf Arabs would deter ideological inroads or military advances by Iran.

Surge in violence in Guatemala

Number of killings and disappearances increases

By Lucy Hood

GUATEMALA CITY: Although the Guatemalan government recently announced measures it has taken to improve the country's human rights situation, the number of assassinations and disappearances has increased since September.

Over the past four months, the somewhat relaxed atmosphere that had begun to permeate the country when civilian rule was installed two years ago has been pierced by news of killings and kidnappings.

Newspapers run daily stories of people gunned down in the capital as well as the countryside, and of families saying their relatives have disappeared.

Some of the cases include:

- The discovery of the bodies of two university students from Quezaltenango, Guatemala's second largest city, with signs of torture. They were found a week after witnesses reported that unidentified gunmen kidnapped them.
- The disappearance of three peasants who work with the land-reform movement of Roman Catholic priest Andres Giron. The body of one later appeared with signs of torture.
- The shooting of two former police chiefs who worked in narcotics, two children of another ex-agent in Guatemala City, and a wealthy businessman.

Coincidence

The surge in violence coincides with an ongoing military offensive aimed at wiping out guerrilla forces, the conflict between the private sector and the government over a proposed tax increases, and the countdown for compliance with the Central American peace accord.

Some say the recent killings and disappearances are an extension of the Army's offensive.

Others say the extreme right-wing is conducting a destabilisation campaign in reaction to the tax law.

Amid this rise in violence, the government released a document that describes measures it has taken to improve the nation's human rights record. It says that 23 Army officials, 51 office personnel hired by the military, and 11 military commissioners employed in the countryside are currently undergoing trials for "diverse crimes committed in 1986."

"It is very important to note that the actual administration has applied the law to everyone and that Army officials are currently being tried," the document says.

But an amnesty law protects Army officials and all government authorities linked to politically related crimes during the regimes of Gen. Efraim Rios Montt (1982-1983) and Gen. Oscar Mejia Victores (1983-1986) — the two heads of state who ruled Guatemala before civilian President Marco Vinicio Cerezo Arenal took office Jan 14, 1986.

Reorganised

According to the government document:

- Several security forces, ones widely known to be responsible for state-run repression under military rule, have been reorganised.
- The national police has been revamped, as have the presidential military staff and the most-feared government apparatus — Army Intelligence.
- The secret police was disbanded a month after President Cerezo took office.

Nonetheless, the surge in violence over the past three months has brought back fears and memories from the past.

In its campaign against leftist

guerrillas in the late 1970s and early 1980s, the Army killed thousands of peasants suspected of the guerrillas. Union leaders, university students, and anyone else considered a leftist sympathiser were also targeted by the Army.

"Things are getting tense again; you can feel it," a labour union leader said earlier last month. Five of his colleagues have received death threats, and three of them have fled the country.

Unionists blame private business interests and the Army for the recent repression.

Army

According to members of the labour movement, of Guatemala's only independent human rights organisation (the Mutual Support Group), and of the Roman Catholic Church, the Army continues to conduct killings and disappearances as it did in the past.

But now, they say, the Army is more selective in who it targets and its tactics are more sophisticated and subtle.

The recent events have sparked a public outcry for an end to the violence. Other groups have joined the Mutual Support Group in demanding respect for human rights. Known by its Spanish acronym GAM, the group represents the family members of 2,000 people who have disappeared in Guatemala.

The country's principal labour organisations recently organised a 15-mile march to Guatemala City to demand an end to the persecution of union members and to repression in general. One member said he and his colleagues decided to stage the demonstration because "the pressure has been getting worse."

INF pact alone is of no great value: Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Jan 20, (Reuters): Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson said today last month's US-Soviet pact on scrapping intermediate nuclear arsenals was of no great value unless followed soon by further massive cuts in weapons systems.

Carlsson, host this week of senior statesmen at a six-nation disarmament summit, told a briefing session the superpowers pact scrapping Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) must now be followed by a ban on nuclear space research and strategic arms.

"Today we have the INF agreement, which is isolated, not of great value, but seen as a first step which may be of historic importance," Carlsson told reporters.

"What the world hopes and expects is a 50 per cent cut in strategic-range weapons in the first half of 1988," he said.

Carlsson said the aim of the six-nation initiative, which groups the leaders of Sweden, Argentina, India, Greece, Mexico and Tanzania, was to impress upon the superpowers that disarmament was a concern for all rather than a bilateral issue.

"That is why it is so important to see to it that we have a (disarmament) process going in the right direction. If INF is an isolated decision it will mean nothing. We still have the capacity to destroy civilisation several times over," he said.

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Introduce new bus route

THIS letter is addressed by one of our readers to the chairman of Kuwait Public Transport Company:

SIR: Please consider introducing direct bus services to Jleeb Al Shiyookh via Abbasiya. This service will benefit a large number of bachelors living in these areas. Such a service to Jleeb Al Shiyookh would be appreciated by commuters.

Shamsuddin, Abbasiya.

Bring down the price

SIR: Please review the price of your newspaper and bring it down to the previous 100 fils per copy. Why should we pay 50 fils more when the Arabic newspapers are not charging more.

Many of my friends want to stop reading the newspaper every day by changing their reading habits. We are planning to buy the newspaper jointly twice or thrice a week. As we are the well-wishers of your daily, we hope the management will consider our request seriously and favourably.

Riaz Butt and friends, Salfat.

A correct decision

SIR: I congratulate the director of the Indian school, for taking a bold decision to remove a highly influential and disobedient teacher who was running a parallel school of private tuition. He enjoyed the support of wealthy parents, who claim to be "the Indian community."

There are other senior teachers who are engaged in similar activities.

Removal of these people will be welcome, as majority of the parents cannot afford the high cost of private tuitions.

Eapen, Salfat.

Private tuition

SIR: Private tuition is a big business at the Indian school. Unless a student attends one such tuition class run by the teachers of the school he is in trouble. Question papers for different examinations are set in such a way that they help the students who take private tuitions. This is particularly true to mathematics. Previously the school used to encourage such tuitions. Will the authorities now stop these money-making second schools? I also want to say that the Arab Times gave undue publicity to a selfish and insincere teacher.

Joseph Johnson, Salmiya.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

1606	— England's Parliament imposes severe penalties against Roman Catholics.
1732	— Russia gives up claims to certain Persian territories by treaty of Riascha.
1793	— France's King Louis XVI is beheaded.
1919	— Sinn Fein congress in Dublin, Ireland, adopts declaration of Independence.
1924	— First nationalist Chinese Congress at Canton admits communists and welcomes Russian advisors.
1942	— German forces launch new offensive in western African desert in World War II.
1949	— Chiang Kai-Shek resigns China presidency following Nationalist Party reversals.
1954	— First atomic submarine, USS Nautilus, is launched in United States.
1968	— Britain draws up plans to withdraw its troops from Far East and Arabian Gulf.
1970	— France's sale of Mirage jet planes to Libya is announced; Iraq fails attempt to overthrow its government and promptly executes 12 men.
1974	— United States rejects South Vietnam's request for naval support in fighting with Chinese for Parcel Islands.
1986	— Auto packed with explosives blows up near office of President Amin Gemayal's Phalange Party in East Beirut, Lebanon, killing 23 people and wounding 102.
1987	— Irish Parliament is dissolved, setting stage for general election.

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By Firoze Rangoonwalla

IN the Hindi film world, there is nothing like growing old gracefully. Age is especially painful to the actress, who can no longer play heroines and have no other alternative but to play mothers or aunts. The industry does not accept their solo stardom.

While the men have a good variety of roles, the women soon find themselves at a dead end, as no strong central characters are written for them. This is the way many talented actresses were thrown out prematurely or they themselves decided wisely to retire in time. Two such actresses currently facing the dilemma are Raakhee and Nutan.

Both have been popular charming heroines of their time. Nutan started her career in 1950 but Raakhee arrived in the 70's and not even that old, though her drinking habit has taken a toll of her appearance. Yet Raakhee has hidden reserves of talent and she can give touching performances if she is in the mood if given the right role. Now she is making her last bid banking on two films, *Falak* and *Mere Baad*. If they become popular, she will get an extended lease of her career, or else...

Falak (The Sky) directed by Shashilal Nair has Raakhee as a powerful mother figure, who has struggled a lot in life. She is like a mother-superior of a colony of mill workers. When a rich industrialist buys the mill and wants to convert it into a housing complex, Raakhee tells him how her destiny was linked with it.

Once upon a time her husband worked there as a security guard. But the three partners of

Nutan, Raakhee make last bid for survival



Dacait was highly praised but flopped at the box office. Raakhee with Sunny Deol in the film.

the mill had differences with him. The two villains Anupam Kher and Pareswari Rawal liquidated the third partner and killed Raakhee's husband who caught them smuggling.

Raakhee brings up her two sons, Jackie Shroff and Mohan Bhandari, by slogging as a servant. Mohan turned out to be a good lawyer but Jackie who suffered more, becomes a

rebel and is also anti-social. He is often advised by the good hearted police officer Shekhar Kapoor and by his own beloved Madhavi. He even takes an oath of non-violence. But Rawal's henchman, Kiran Kumar, provoked him so much as to break his vow. Jackie is jailed for murder. He also breaks his engagement to Madhavi.

When Jackie is released from jail, he sees Madhavi has married Shekhar and is the mother of his child. He decides to leave town with his mother. But he gets the news that brother Mohan is in the clutches of Kher and Rawal, while Mohan's girl Supriya has been murdered by them. Jackie rushes to the brother's rescue and is about to kill the villains when the mother stops him. Getting the chance Rawal kills Jackie, after which Raakhee picks up the revolver and destroys the evil men. When she narrates her life story, the industrialist, decides to retain the mill.

Though *Falak* has other big stars and the story is hackneyed, there are many scenes in which Raakhee has scope to display her histrionics. Like Mother India she is torn between the good and the bad son. But then Raakhee's work was also over-praised in *Amma* and *Dacait* and yet the films flopped. The actress stands a better chance in *Mere Baad*. She plays a central character and no stars to compete with except Anupam Kher as her husband.

It is an Indian copy of the American weepy "Who Will Love My Children."

In *Mere Baad* directed by Vishwamitra, which has been completed but not yet sold, Raakhee becomes a victim of breast cancer. Her husband Anupam, loses his hands in an accident. The happy family with five children is almost ruined. The kids are given away for adoption to different families. But they are hollow socialites who may or may not care for the welfare of the children. When the kids occasionally come home to visit their unlucky parents, there is plenty of scope for all scenes. And Raakhee being an expert tear-jerker has a field day. However, her future hangs in the balance as distributors have not liked the film. Raakhee has wisely signed Subhash Ghai's *Ram Lakhan* playing the mother of Jackie Shroff and Anil Kapoor. She also has supporting roles in *Ilaka* and *Pyaar Mohabbat*.

Nutan re-emerged with *Meri Jung* and *Karna*. There was a time when she had refused to grow old and accepted only central roles bigger than those of heroines. But when such roles began to vanish, she surrendered to character roles, playing mothers. Nobody can deny her talent, proved in such memorable films as *Sujata*. But why should she insist on the young and glamorous image, even now, for some stage shows? She even refused to accept the best supporting actress awards.

Anyway, Nutan has stepped down and is acting even in TV serials, one being *Rakesh Chaudhry's Mujrim Haziri*. The only consolation is that it will be later edited and released as a feature film. It is based on a Bengali novel by the author of



Nutan is acting in television serials, including *Mujrim Haziri*.



Raakhee hopes for an extended lease of her career. Above: Sohni, Anupam Kher and Raakhee in *Mere Baad*.

Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam. Nutan plays the role of Kalpana-Ki-Bahu, who is victimised by a greedy landlord. Praising the character Nutan says: "I accepted it only because it is a challenging role with many shades and a wide range." She plays the Bahu from the time she is very young till she

becomes an aged widow."

Now that there are awards for TV serials too, Nutan is obviously angling for a "Best Actress" title. But her film career is not exactly zooming. Heroes and heroines don't want her to steal the scenes. Moreover she insists on her name coming first in the cast.

She has roles in commercial films like *Hissaydaar*, *Garajna*, *Some pe Sahasra* and untitled films of Kalpataru, and S. Bhakri. Her solo starrer *Aulad Ki Khadi* has not been sold. Facing a somewhat similar fate is Asha Parekh, though she is not too keen on a career. Her *Maang Saja Do Meri* has not

been sold but she has got a good role in the multi-starrer *Batwara*. Waheeda Rehman, Sharmila Tagore, Rehana Sultan have nearly given up the big screen saying there are hardly any character roles worth playing. How we wish the industry recognises and uses such talents going waste.

Behind the Screen

lots of work on TV. Somehow, she is not accepted as a heroine. Will she keep up the struggle or settle down to ironing Kanwaljeet's clothes?

Of all the people, it was Manoj Kumar who was cribbing about giving roles to Hema Malini in his films, but when Hema produces her films she never gives him a chance. Manoj should know that Hema cannot take any more "liabilities." If it is any consolation, Hema does not take her own husband, Dharmendra, in

her films. One more star to become a singer is Shatrughan Sinha. He recorded a song with Alka Yagnik, tuned by Anand-Milind for *Shiva Shakti*. When will stars realise that they are already boring us with their dialogues?

Directors with an itch for acting are Mahesh Bhatt and Shekhar Kapoor. Mahesh does it on the side-lines along with his many films. But Shekhar neglects direction just to be

before the cameras, doing supporting roles in commercial films or modelling for textiles in ad. films. Has he forgotten that he proved to be a totally flop actor in his early years and that is why he switched to direction? Directing films gave him more fame than being Shabana Azmi's boy friend.

Most heroines hate rape scenes. Some like them for the sake of their careers. But Meenakshi Sheshadri was furious with the actor, Nana Patekar who tried to molest her for a scene in *Tadap*. Being a good actor, Nana tried to do full justice, to it, the more realistic he became the more angry was the heroine who started clawing him with her nails.



Raakhee in *Amma*.



Nutan with Shakti Kapoor in *Garajna*, one of her forthcoming films.

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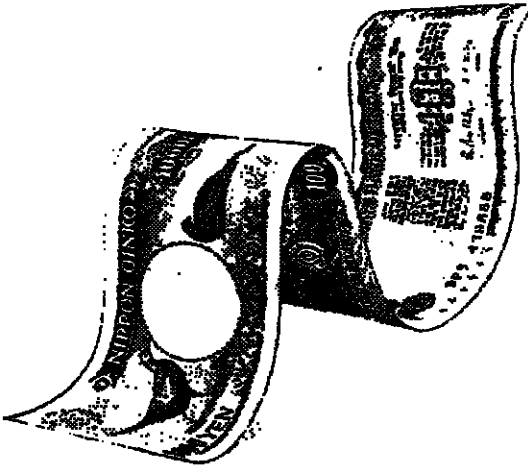
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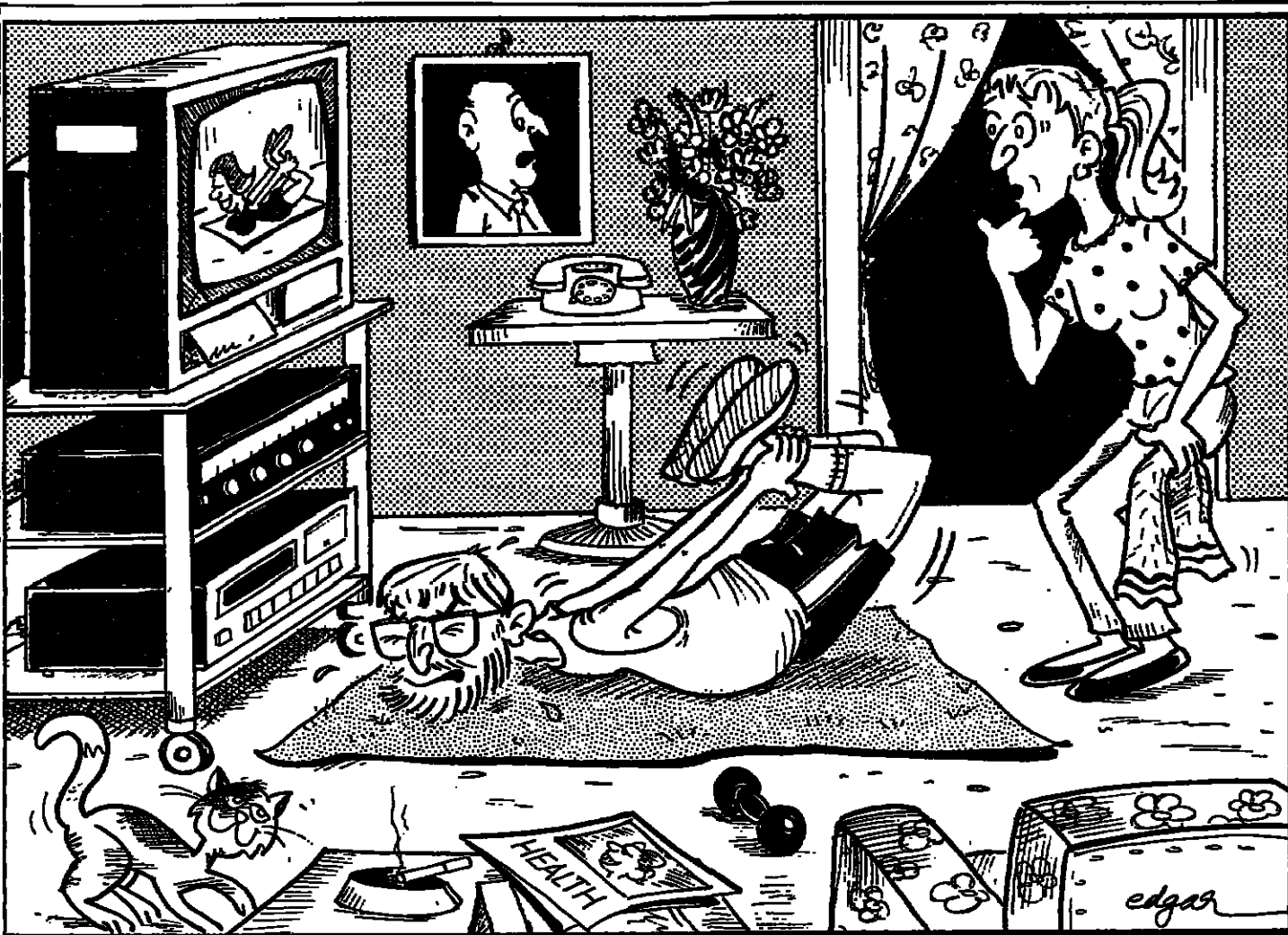
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Fat and forty isn't fun

By Keith Wells

LATELY I have come to the ugly realization that gravity is beginning to beat me. Parts that used to spring, now sag, sectors that once were full of bounce and vigor have started to droop, even wobble. I was never much of a muscle man, but recently I've noticed that my youthful scrawn has turned to flab, even my hair is beginning to sneak away, tuft by tuft. Mortality's staring me straight in the face and it doesn't much like what it sees. Time to take desperate measures, I decided, quit smoking, go on a diet and start taking violent exercises.

Funny how easy it is to decide something, isn't it? Take smoking for example. I've quit dozens of times, but a month or so later I have just one harmless little ciggy and the next thing I know I'm smoking away like an oil refinery again.

Exercise is even worse. I got one of those Jane Fonda tapes and nearly had a heart attack just watching it. That woman can scratch her tonsils with her toes! If ever a tape should be banned for the good of society it's that one. She twists herself about like a boneless chicken. I tried to follow along, bouncing up and down, but the trouble was that some bits were still bouncing down while the rest of me was bouncing up. I felt like a flesh juggler.

Then she started contorting herself on the floor, legs behind her ears, elbows under ankles, eyes looking at her own shoul-

der blades. I wriggled and writhed in a vain attempt to follow suit then something went CRICK and I felt a red hot pain in my lumbar.

By the time the wife managed to untangle me I was crippled. I'd seen parts of my own anatomy I hadn't even known were there, but the end result was I couldn't move for three days. They should re-name that tape, not "Keep Fit with Jane," but rather, "Get Crippled With Keith."

Puffing

So I lay in bed puffing away on my very last, honestly, ciggy, eating a large consolation portion of ice cream wondering what to do next to defeat the ageing process. The trouble as I see it is that when you've got the equipment you ain't got the knowledge, and by the time you acquire the knowledge the equipment's falling apart.

I think there's a basic flaw in the lifeplan of the human race. Surely it'd be much better if time sort of ran backwards so that you started out at the grave, coming to life just after the funeral. That way you'd always know who your real friends were for a start! You'd start out in life being old and wise and able to remember everything that was going to happen. It'd be marvellous, just think, if you got divorced you could console yourself with the fact that you'd soon fall in love again and get married. When you lost all your money you could look forward to the time when you'd had it all.

Even accidents wouldn't be so traumatic since you'd have a long period of convalescence to prepare yourself, then, WHAM, the accident, but ten minutes later you'd be in perfect health again! Best of all, you'd be getting younger and healthier all the time, and so would all your friends. You could go to funerals with a light heart, knowing that somebody you really liked would be coming back to life any minute!

Then, when your life was entering its last fifteen years or so, you'd find yourself retreating into the comfortable bosom of your family, your father would take over the tiresome job of earning a living for you, but he wouldn't mind because you'd be getting cuter all the time, and he'd see his wife getting younger and more beautiful. Imagine the luxury of your last three years, everyone giving you birthday presents, not having to bathe yourself. Mother looking after your every need, much the best sort of intensive care, until finally you sort of went plop slurp back into the womb and forgot about the whole thing. Bliss.

Radical

Trouble is, I don't know if we can get things changed. I mean, how do we go about such a radical re-organisation? I'm sure everyone would vote for it, given the chance, the benefits are so enormous. Just think, after you'd paid your taxes you'd get them all back again. You'd never have to plan for the future since it would really

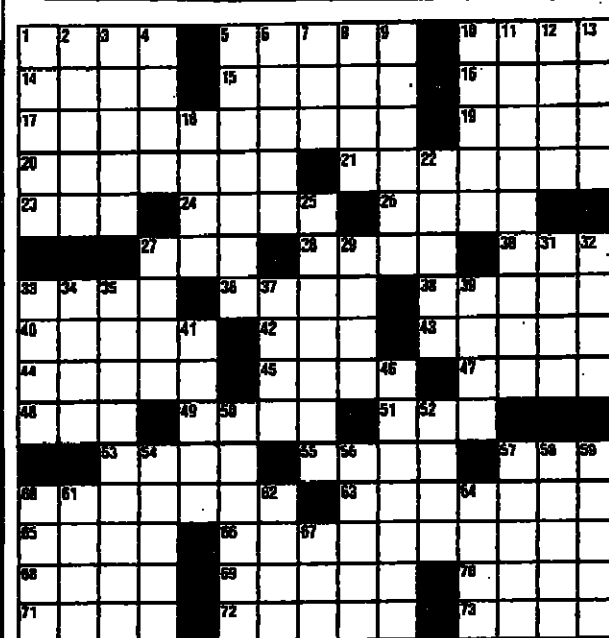
be the past, there'd never be any cause for regret, just patience to wait for things to right themselves again.

Ah well, I suppose we'll have to put up with the present unsatisfactory state of affairs, with flab and wrinkles and fading faculties. Sooner or later we all have to join the Crinklies, use a walking stick to fight off the gravity.

Then you have to wonder what happens afterwards. Is there a bureaucracy involved? Do you have to get a residence permit? Will the guys in white robes be like the one we used to? Or will we all get to wear robes and haloes. Of course, there's the Other Place, that's sure to have an incredible bureaucracy, probably staffed by the same people as the one here, except that ALL of the rubber stamps will be permanently lost. What a fate, waiting for eternity for your papers to come through, and you've already done the crossword seventy-seven times, read the Bridge Column, memorised the entire stock pages and pondered the horoscopes for everyone else's signs.

Where was I? Oh yes, that ice cream, and that last ciggy... well, last but one actually since I'm just having another while I try to figure out how to cut out my figure. I'm sure there's an easier way than all this torture. Can't somebody invent healthy cigarettes, chocolate cake that makes you slim and Diet Coca Cola that doesn't taste like Drano?

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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 - 12 Distant: Prefix
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARRIF

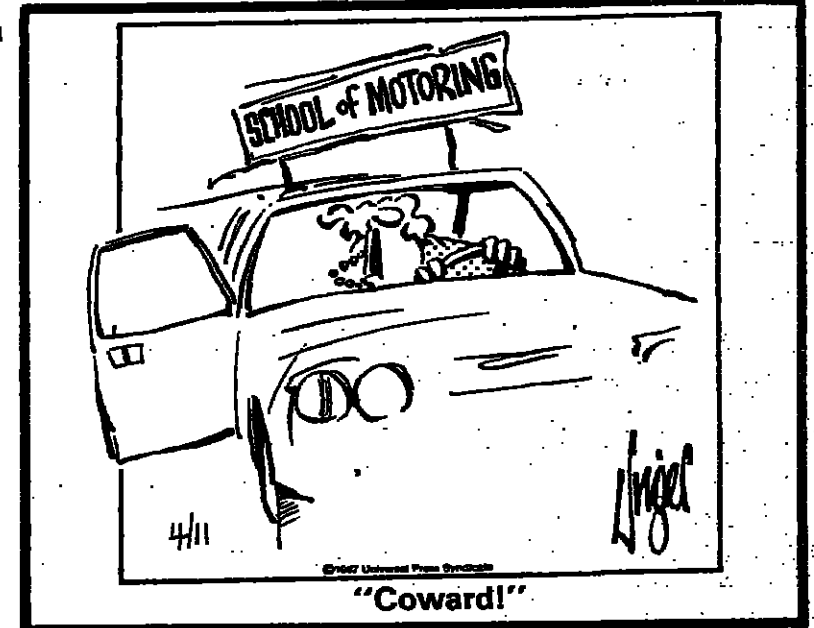
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

- Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠76 ♥953 ♦1062 ♣AKJ98
 Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?
- Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠2 ♥KJ63 ♦AK ♣AQ10762
 The bidding has proceeded:
 1♣ South West North
 1♠ Dbl Pass 2♥
 Pass ?
 What do you bid now?
- Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠52 ♥AK9765 ♦8 ♣A63
 The bidding has proceeded:
 North East South West
 1♣ Pass 2♥ Pass
 2♠ Pass ?
 What do you bid now?
- Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠873 ♥952 ♦7632 ♣J82
 The bidding has proceeded:
 East South West North
 1♥ Pass 2♥ Dbl
 Pass ?
 What action do you take?
- Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠A ♥AKQJ73 ♦972 ♣AK9
 The bidding has proceeded:
 West North East South
 1♣ Pass 2♥ ?
 What action do you take?
- Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠AQ73 ♥Q76 ♦A102 ♣Q83
 The bidding has proceeded:
 North East South West
 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
 2♣ Pass ?
 What do you bid now?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

ACROSS
 1. FOX
 5. RICKSHAW
 10. NOBODIES
 14. LEADER
 15. HUNTER
 16. GRATITUDE
 17. CHUM
 19. PALM BEACH
 20. DESK
 21. BUENA VISTA
 24. LISTEN
 26. CLUTZ
 27. BIG BEN
 28. FOIL
 30. SALUTE
 33. PASHA
 36. GULL
 38. HUMID
 40. THEME
 42. UNLOCK
 43. FIBER
 44. HIGHWAY
 45. COM
 47. CORRESPONDENT
 48. SUFFIX
 49. CHURCHILL
 51. AYR
 53. TRANSVAAL

DOWN
 2. THE MAN
 3. LATIN
 4. FORMERLY
 5. TUG
 6. CERTAIN
 7. ZERO
 8. OH MY
 9. WHOEVER
 10. BASKETRY
 11. HIGHER
 12. DISTANT
 13. ACORN
 18. NUTMEG
 22. REQUIREMENTS
 25. BOWLER



THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
 The better influence of the Sun will help you to get your facts up to date and to revise your attitude. You should not do anything without sufficient good reason. Avoid making up your mind on the spur of the moment. Be benevolent.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
 You should do a little less talking and a little more listening. You should not allow personal factors to obfuscate your objective judgment. Make sure you get enough sleep. Be prompt.
- Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)**
 The Sun's influence will help you to give of your best. You will feel more energetic and less lethargic. You should keep your objectives clearly in mind; do not try to do much at once. Be lenient.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)**
 You should not take any undue risks just now nor should you rely on some lucky chance. This is not good time for betting or gambling of any kind. Do not rely on others to get you out of trouble. Be generous.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
 You will feel better than of late and will accordingly be able to get more done. You will be able to seize hold of a good opportunity. You should try to ensure you do not overtake yourself. Be forgiving.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)**
 There is no point in using force where persuasion has failed. You will be able to draw the right conclusions. You should make sure you avoid all kinds of exaggeration. Be frugal.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**
 At first you will not be in the best of moods, but later you will cheer up. You will be able to make good progress with a personal project. Do not allow your animosities to cloud your judgment. Be alert.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
 Your mood will tend to be rather variable. The Sun's better influence will help you to cope with reality. There will be some moments of tension but you will be able to take them in your stride. Be tolerant.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)**
 You should try not to have such an intense work programme, a little concentrating on somewhat less will have splendid results. You should try a little harder to see other people's point of view.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**
 You will be better able to meet your commitments. There will be some good news but not quite in the direction you had hoped. You should do all you can to avoid getting into a violent argument. Be objective.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)**
 Others will be more liable to see things from your point of view. You should not allow work to encroach upon your leisure time. An old friend will be pleased to hear from you. Be moderate.

"GEORGE BUSH is making a mistake," Whiner told me.

"In what way?" I asked. "By declaring he is not a wimp he's alienating the wimp vote in the country."

"So what?" "He needs a lot of wimps to win the election."

"I didn't know there were many," I said. "There are a lot more of us than there are of them," Whiner said. "And don't forget wimps vote as a block."

"You'd think Bush's people would have researched it."

"By denying he is a wimp, Bush is sending out a message that there is something wrong with being one. That's what the wimps are crying about. The question we would like to put to the Vice-President is what's wrong with being one if it's how you feel?"

"I guess nothing if you don't flaunt it."

"There are some of us

The Art Buchwald Column

The wimp vote

who think Bush is a secret wimp and is afraid to come out of the closet.

"I don't believe that," I protested. "I think he honestly hates wimps — perhaps it has something to do with his growing up in Texas."

"There are a lot of wimps in Texas. We're all over the map, and when we get upset we can be a mighty force in deciding who our next President is going to be. If Bush thinks the macho voters are going to put him over the top with wimp support he's crazy."

"What makes a person a wimp?" I asked.

"It's definitely genetic. It's passed down through the male side of the family. You can always spot a wimp because he whines

and cries a lot and continually loses at arm wrestling."

"Women don't like wimps, do they?"

"They say they don't, but most of them marry one. Shere Hite, who just completed a sexual survey, says 93 per cent of all American women have slept with a wimp. Women prefer them because wimps are afraid to yell at their mates."

"So by attacking wimps Bush could lose the spouse vote as well?"

"It seems that way. No woman wants a President who doesn't remind her of her husband."

"Are you predicting the wimp factor will decide the 1988 election?"

"I believe so. The wimps are sick and tired of being denigrated by politicians

and football fans, and we intend to introduce Wimp Power into the White House. By insisting he is not a wimp Bush is endorsing the prejudice that we have had to live with for years. We may be snivellers, but we have rights too."

"Suppose all the candidates ignore you. What will your people do?"

"Sit the election out. Wimps don't have to vote unless they want to."

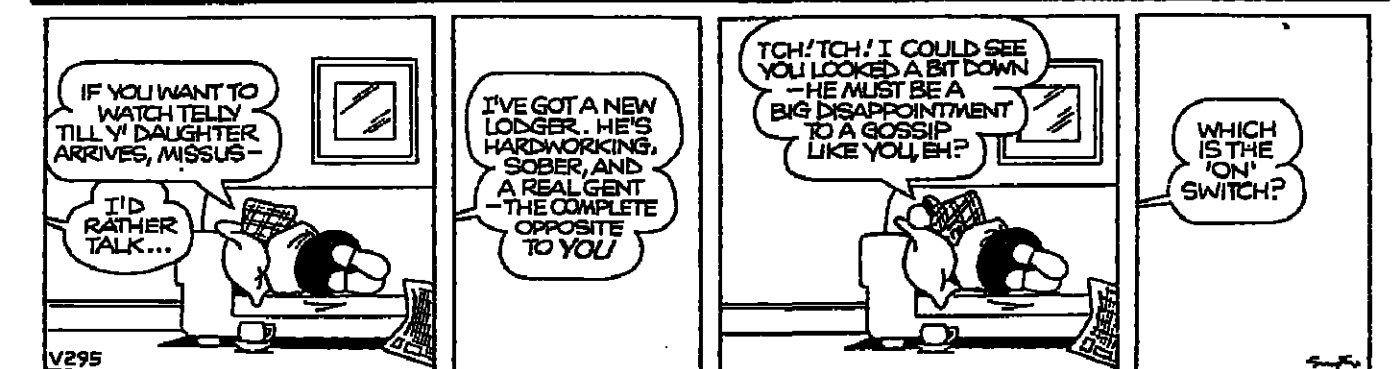
"It appears that Bush has a lot of apologising to do before he gets your support. What can he do to make it up to you?"

"I'd like him to go on television and say he respects wimps and admires their way of life. He must come out for equal job opportunities and fair treatment for all wimps. And finally, bush has to promise to appoint a wimp to the Supreme Court as soon as possible."

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

North Yemen set to bring second oilfield on stream next month

BAHRAIN, Jan 20, (Reuters): North Yemen is set to bring a second oilfield on stream in February, to further boost its impoverished economy, just two months after joining the ranks of neighbouring oil exporters of the Arabian peninsula.

Oil industry sources in Sanaa said the country's second oilfield, Azal, is expected to start production next month with an initial output of around 20,000 barrels per day (bpd).

North Yemen, with a population approaching 9.5 million, has one of the world's lowest per capita incomes, estimated at around \$280 in 1986.

Azal field lies 15 km (nine miles) north of the Alif field, the first commercially developed oilfield in North Yemen, which now produces around 150,000 bpd.

Discovered

Oil was first discovered in North Yemen in 1984, by Yemen Hunt Oil, a subsidiary of Dallas-based Hunt Oil company. The country's oil reserves are estimated at one billion barrels.

It started exporting oil at a rate of 135,000 bpd last December and plans to raise this to 200,000 bpd by mid-1988, earning around \$700 million per year.

Oil flows from the inland Alif oil fields to the Red Sea coast through a 430 km (250 mile) pipeline. Work is in progress to connect Azal to Alif by a pipeline, oil industry sources said.

"The Azal oilfield is not fully developed yet. The output may well increase above 20,000 bpd as new production wells are drilled," a senior oil executive in Sanaa said.

Turkey's biggest bank freezes credits

ISTANBUL, Jan 20, (Reuters): Turkey's biggest bank, the state-owned TC Ziraat Bankasi AS, froze all new credits today and took action to identify bad debts, Anatolian news agency said.

The semi-official agency said Coskun Ulusoy, who took over as the bank's general manager on Monday, issued an internal memorandum seeking a comprehensive list of all loans of over 50 million lira (\$50,000).

He said he would not prolong payment terms or grace periods on debts and would not offer interest reductions to debtors who had fallen behind in repayments or interest payments on credits over 100 million lira (\$100,000).

Disbursed

No new credits, even those previously approved but not disbursed, would be issued, he said, and no new appointments would be made until further notice.

Ulusoy's appointment and action was part of a shake-up and modernisation of state banks after centre-right Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's victory in November's general election, bankers said.

Ziraat Bankasi, which had assets of \$6,607 billion lira (then about \$9 billion) at the end of 1986, was regarded as a well-founded if old-fashioned bank, they said.

World borrowing drops sharply

PARIS, Jan 20, (Reuters): Total medium and long-term funds raised on world capital markets fell sharply last year, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) said.

At \$299 billion, total borrowing through bond issues, syndicated loans and other facilities was seven per cent lower than in 1986, the OECD said in its latest monthly report.

The contraction in borrowing activity was accompanied by a major shift in the relative importance of the instruments used in international financing, with a marked fall in bond offerings being partially offset by a rebound in syndicated bank lending, the report said.

Dropped

Borrowing on external bond markets dropped from \$228 billion in 1986 to 177 billion in 1987—the first decline in issuing activity since 1980.

After stagnating at between \$60 and 70 billion during the previous four years, borrowing on the syndicated credit markets rose by \$45 per cent to 92 billion in 1987—a figure not far below the all-time high in 1982 of 98 billion.

Huge US trade deficit, high surpluses in Japan and Bonn strain economy

Dollar's rough ride may not be over yet

LONDON, Jan 20, (Reuters): Things could still get rocky again for the dollar, economists say.

Money market dealers are once more worrying that Americans are still importing more goods than they can really afford and spending more dollars to buy them than the world really wants to hold.

Last Friday, news of a sharp drop in the US trade deficit sent the dollar soaring. But yesterday's report of a December rise in Japan's trade surplus has soured the dealer's optimism.

Imbalances

"These imbalances are still pretty scary," said Sykes Wilford, an economist at investment bankers Drexel Burnham Lambert, in London.

Dealers in currencies and stocks, economists and investors all agree that the huge US trade deficit and stubbornly high surpluses in Japan and West Germany strain the global economy.

They strain political relations, too.

Politicians fear that either fewer dollars must flow through the world economy, which means a US recession, or more yen and marks must be printed. That means inflation.

Rates

In a sense, economists say, politicians' arguments over exchange rates are arguments over who picks up the bill.

And, with so much at stake, few are ready to say markets will steady soon or that the dollar will maintain a rally.

"The imperialists used to have an answer," Wilford said. "They'd provide economic growth, military protection and extort the cost from their

empire. The United States' problem is that it can't."

The United States has called on Japan and West Germany to boost their economies—a key element in international accords to stabilise currencies since last February's Louvre accord.

Faster Japanese and West German growth should mean more money to buy US goods to cut the trade deficit, and more to buy US Treasury bonds to help finance Washington's budget deficit, while keeping the world economy safe from a slump.

Policy

"One question is whether Japan's stimulation policy will reduce Japan's surplus and the US deficit without a massive exchange rate shock," Wilford said. "But stimulation won't work if it shows up just propping

the cars they build in this country."

Not all Japanese makers have benefited equally, Healy said. Honda and Toyota sales, for example, remain strong, but smaller Japanese makers' sales have suffered.

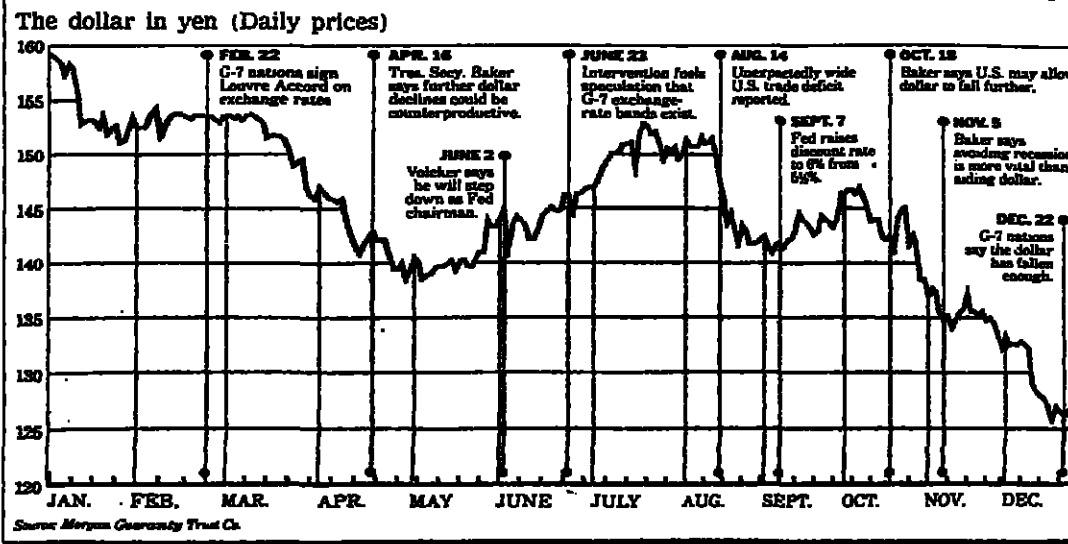
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The Dollar Sank to Record Lows in 1987, Despite a Midyear Rally



Source: Morgan Guaranty Trust Co.

Tokyo's overvalued equity market."

Meanwhile, the West German economy is expected to grow only between one and two per cent this year after expanding 1.7 per cent in 1987.

Jitters

"There are no significant fundamental reasons to purchase marks in favour of the dollar," said a dealer for US based bank's Frankfurt branch.

That slow growth is holding back West Germany's share and bond markets, and helps keep markets across Europe jittery—West Germany dominates the European economy.

Traders remain very nervous. Rumours of a US newspaper report that the trade figures were miscalculated knocked the dollar

down by 1.5 pfennigs and one yen today. No such report could be found.

"The euphoria after last Friday's US trade figures has all gone out of the market," said a senior currency dealer at a Swiss bank in Zurich.

The dollar soared last Friday, after the United States reported that its trade deficit fell to \$13.22 billion from a record 17.63 billion in October.

Keep falling

Dealers thought it meant the deficit was headed down—and would keep falling without any painful new government policies.

But then Japan said yesterday its December trade surplus jumped to \$8.6 billion from 4.74 billion in November.

"Operators are nervous. They

are not sure which way they should move because there has not yet been any strong evidence that the US trade deficit is actually improving," said one senior dealer at a Japanese bank.

Economists are somewhat less gloom.

"The October figure was certainly abnormally bad, the November figure might well have been lucky," said Martin Weale, an economics fellow at Cambridge University.

"Depending on how you count it, whether payments are pushed up or back, you'd expect a bad month to be followed by a good one," he said.

Steep

"Everything we know about economic theory suggests that the dollar's fall has been steep enough to bring a substantial improvement and soon in the deficit."

Keith Edmonds, an economist with Mitsubishi Finance International Ltd in London, says both the record high October US deficit and sharply lower November figure were aberrations.

"The average of the two numbers is therefore a better guide, and this shows neither an improvement nor a significant deterioration over the previous three months," he said.

Response

But while many say markets have bounced too much in response to the trade numbers, few expect the pattern to change in the months ahead.

"Markets have been moved to hemlines, presidents, supermodel scores and deficits," said one London share dealer. "At the moment it's deficits."

ABU DHABI, Jan 20, (Opecna): The Abu Dhabi-based International Petroleum Investment Company (Ipic) has acquired a 10 per cent stake in Spain's major oil refining and petrochemical company, Cepasa.

Ipic's managing director Khalifa Mohammed Al Shamsi said here that under an agreement signed earlier this month, the state-owned Ipic would pay about \$120 million and receive two seats on Cepasa's board of directors.

Under another agreement, Adnoc, the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company, will supply the Spanish company with about 60,000 bpd of crude oil, he said.

Ipic, which was founded in 1984, has been keen to invest in foreign crude and petroleum product marketing outlets.

Despite price hike

Japanese auto sales remain high

DETROIT, Jan 20, (AP): The price of the average Japanese car is going up because of the strength of the yen against the dollar, but the increases don't seem to be hurting sales, industry analysts said.

"So far, I think there's been very little loss in sales of market share for the Japanese as a result of the price increases they've already had. Import sales took an all-time record per cent of the market last month," said David Healy, an analyst with Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. financial firm in New York.

Imports held 34.5 per cent of the US car market in December, including a 25.8 per cent share for Japanese makers, not including

the cars they build in this country.

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"We'll probably see a 6 or 7 per cent increase by year's end. Even if the yen goes to 100 (to the dollar)—a worst-case scenario

—then we're looking at a 15 to 16 per cent increase," said Chris Cedergren, an industry analyst with JD Power and Associates.

"But we think it will stabilise at 120 (yen to the dollar). That warrants a 7 per cent increase, or \$3,400 on a \$12,000 car," he said.

Japanese automakers have been increasing prices three or more times a year for the last few years. As the yen and other foreign currencies become stronger and the dollar weakens, imported products become more expensive in this country.

But Cedergren said US consumers noticed price increases less in the past, since dealers already were charging \$1,000 to 2,000 per car in premiums

because of a scarcity of popular imported vehicles.

"Those charges are gone, so now consumers can see when prices increase," he said.

On Friday, Toyota Motor Corp became the latest Japanese automaker to increase prices, joining Honda Motor Co in raising sticker figures for the second time since the 1988 model year began in October.

Raised

Toyota raised prices an average 1.4 per cent, or \$162 per car. The increase is in addition to rises announced when Toyota introduced its 1988 models. Before the 1988 model year began, Toyota had last increased prices in May.

LONDON, Jan 20, (AP): Falling prices forced the International Coffee Organisation yesterday to restrict supplies of coffee available for export for the second time this month.

The 74-nation organisation, empowered by treaty to control supplies and prices, announced an immediate cut of one million bags in the export quota for January through March.

One bag of coffee equals 132 pounds (60 kilos) of beans.

The London-based ICO said the cut was automatically triggered by the falling of its indicator price of world market values below \$1.20 a pound on Monday. Monday's price, which was calculated by the ICO yesterday, was \$1.474.

Reduction

The latest reduction will be applied to the export quotas of producers according to their shares of the total global figure.

It brings the allocation for this quarter down to 12.5 million bags and the total for the 1987-88 (October-September) coffee year to 54.5 million. The export quota was last cut on Jan 5.

The quota was initially set at 58 million bags last October, when ICO members agreed to the return of market controls after a break of 19 months.

The ICO is trying to keep the average world market price in 1987-88 between \$1.20 and \$1.40 a pound by adjusting the size of the quota at certain trigger points.

Adjustments

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World Business Summary

Norway's Statoil wins China oil contract

OSLO, Jan 20, (Reuters): Norwegian state oil firm Statoil won oil exploration rights on a vast sector of the South China Sea today, "We signed the agreement today (Wednesday) in Peking," spokesman Einar Bergh told Reuters. He said the signing ceremony coincided with Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland's official visit this week to China. Statoil, Norway's biggest oil company and a pillar of the North Sea oil industry, has for several years advised China on how to develop its offshore activities. China's oil has traditionally flowed from mainland fields, but foreign firms have been pumping oil in the South China Sea since the early 1980s. China has appointed Statoil operator on a 3,740 square kilometre (1,450 square miles) sector off Hainan island, splitting rights on the block equally with Statoil and the Chinese national offshore oil corporation, Bergh said.

Statoil, in turn, has committed itself to a one-year exploration programme on the block, including seismic surveys and one well—with an option to drill further wells.

Statoil, which opened a Peking office seven years ago, is already taking part in Yellow Sea drilling operations and holds a stake in a producing South China Sea field.

Weak dollar, oil glut cloud Gulf economic outlook

BAHRAIN, Jan 20, (Reuters): Gulf states registered little growth in 1987 and prospects for future recovery may be limited by the Iran-Iraq war, a weak dollar and oversupply on world oil markets, Gulf International Bank (GIB) said today.

The Bahrain-based bank's economist Henry Azzam said the trough of the recession was probably reached in 1986, but last year saw only a partial recovery in oil revenues and the region now seemed set for a period of flat economic development. A pick-up would become more visible in the early 1990s when world demand for Gulf oil could be expected to increase markedly, Azzam wrote in the bank's monthly economic report.

He said Gulf states would probably increase the proportion of oil they exported in the form of refined products, following Kuwait which ships up to 80 per cent of its oil in this form. "This trend will allow the Gulf countries to have more control on the amount of oil they can sell on the world market," Azzam said.

GIB is the second largest bank based on Bahrain.

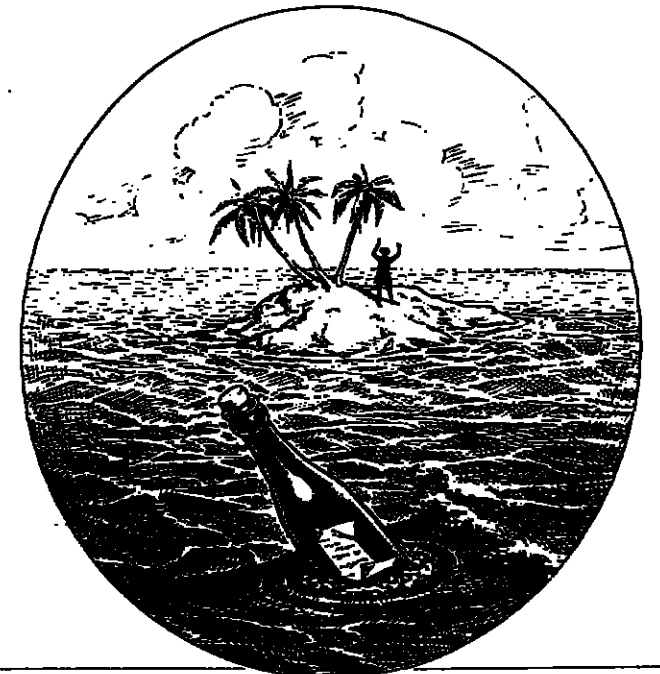
Last October's world-wide crash of stock markets would probably depress demand for oil in the short-term if the US and world economies slow, but it should still be possible to maintain prices at the \$18-dollar benchmark set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec).

Azzam said the decline of the dollar had reduced the purchasing power of the Gulf region's oil revenues by some 50 per cent since the start of 1985. That had increased the prices of non-dollar imports, squeezed profit margins for international contractors and exporters and had started to alter well established trading patterns.

Hydrocarbon discovery

LONDON, Jan 20, (UPI): Britoil Plc confirmed today a significant hydrocarbon discovery in North Sea block 9/23B about 200 miles north of Aberdeen, Scotland. Well 9/23B-7 was drilled to a total depth of 6,015 ft. in the tertiary and encountered over 600 ft net of oil and gas bearing sands, Britoil said. Three separate intervals were tested. The first flowed at 5,325 barrels per day of 20 per cent API (American Petroleum Institute) oil. A chief executive for Britoil said the tests have confirmed the considerable potential in the tertiary in this block. It was estimated that the structures penetrated by these two wells contain approximately 200 million barrels of recoverable oil reserves and 600 billion cubic ft of recoverable gas reserves within block 9/23B.

There is additional potential in at least two other tertiary structures which lie in block 9/23B, Britoil said. Britoil believes this is to be the largest discovery in the North Sea for several years and for the company it is a very important addition to its successful ongoing exploration programme to increase the reserves and value of the company. A further well, 9/23B-8, was spudded to the south of 9/23B-7 on Jan 16, Britoil said.



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LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST
ABBIE LFE	245/0
ALD LYONS	340/0
AMSTRAD	138/0
ARGYLL GP	192/0
ASDA MFI	168/4
A B FOODS	60.05
BAA PP	100/0
BTR	267/0
BAT INDS	435/0
BARCLAYS	490/0
BASS	790/0
BEAZER	188/0
BEECHAMS	453/0
BET ORD	229/6
BICC PLC	332/0
BLUE ARMY	99.0
BLUE CIRC	425/0
BOC GP	384/0
BOOTS CO	252/0
BPB INDS	320/0
BR COWAY	327/0
BR AIRWAY	167/0
BR AEROSP	342/0
BR GAS PP	134/0
B.P. NEU	250/0
BR TELCOM	231/0
BRITLOIL	470.0
BUNZL	126/0
BURMAN OL	441/0
BURTON	232/0
CABLEWIR	355/0
CADBURYS	257/0
COATS VVY	253/0
COMINT	342/0
CONS GOLD	850/0
COOKSONS	527/4
COURTAULD	330/0
COURTNEY	303/0
DEE CP	196/0
DIXONS	189/0
ENG CHINA	400/0
ENTER OIL	291/0
FERRANTI	88/0
FISONS	252/0
GEN ACCID	826/0
GEN ELEC	157/0
GLAXO	010/0
GRANADA	313/0
GLOBE	137/0
GRAND NET	440/0
GUS A	080/0
GUARD RYL	850/0
GKN	307/0
GUINNESS	285/0
HANSON A	515/0
HANSON S	133/0
HAWKER SID	468/0
HAWLEY	99/0
HILLSDOWN	287/0

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

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A.B. ELECT	344/0	343/0
APV PLC	122/0	125/0
AARONSON	115/0	116/0
AAH HDLG	305/0	306/0
ACASHHT	465/0	465/0
ADDISON G	93/0	93/0
ADVEST G	289/0	288/0
ALISA	142/0	140/0
ALEX WRMK	171/0	170/0
ALLIANCE	763/0	763/0
ALL COLL	125/0	124/0
ALL PLAX	50/0	50/0
AMARI PLC	149/0	148/0
AMEC PLC	343/0	341/0
AMER TRUS	111/0	112/0
AMERSHAM	461/0	455/0
ANGLIA TV	411/0	408/0
ANSBACHER	69/0	68/0
U-APP HOL	353/0	355/0
APRICOT	340/0	343/0
APRINT	101/0	101/0
ARMSTRONG	149/0	150/0
ANGLO O'S	375/0	373/0
AQUICUT	265/0	260/0
ASHLEY L	130/0	130/0
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Not so bright future predicted for Gulf economies

ABU DHABI, Jan 20, (Kuna): A prominent Kuwaiti economist predicted a not so bright future for Gulf economies if the region's countries keep leaning on oil as a sole source of revenue, indicating that cash surpluses are on their way to peter out.

Lecturing at a seminar here last night, Jassem Khaled Al Sa'doun warned Gulf states that waiting on this problem is ill-advised since the declining oil reserves and cash assets could lead to dangerous possibilities both economically and politically.

However, he noted that time is not ripe yet to conduct some reforms with some reasonable amounts of sacrifices such as a study on a taxation and a reassessment of public spending.

Al Sa'doun said, "it seems that our handling of oil did not have a notable effect on our fate," adding, "the rest of the world paid better attention to it."

Economies

He noted that despite the powerful economies possessed by Opec — particularly the Gulf members of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE — "current indicators in handling oil do not give an impression of good future prospects in this respect."

The Kuwaiti economist tackled oil from its various aspects, effects, production and prices, comparing between the establishment of Opec in 1960 and the International Energy Agency in 1974.

He said that Opec came into being to defend the interests of its members, following the slump of oil prices in the '50s because major companies used cheap oil in rebuilding post-war Europe.

Prices

Meanwhile, he added, that the IEA was established when oil prices shot up sky-high between 1972 and 1974 to guarantee a continuous flow of low-priced oil to consumers.

Al Sa'doun said that, contrary to Opec's strategy which did not have any role in amending its spending of its oil revenues in the '60s nor in the slight jump in prices in the '70s, the IEA took serious measures to get the maximum benefit out of the situation.

He cited that the IEA not only cut down its oil consumption from 57.8 per cent in 1975 to 50.2 per cent in 1985, but also shaved off a whole seven per cent of the oil contribution from the total energy consumed.

UK oil mission to visit Indonesia

JAKARTA, Jan 20, (Opecna): British Secretary of State for Energy Cecil Parkinson will visit Indonesia in May at the head of a 30-member delegation comprising representatives of the petroleum industry's various service sectors.

Alex Frederik, European representative of Pertamina, the Indonesian state oil company, said that during the visit a seminar would be held on Indonesia's oil and gas development.

According to Frederik, the two-day seminar was aimed at improving cooperation between Indonesian and British companies in the service sector of the Indonesian oil industry.

He said that British firms could play a bigger role in the development of Indonesia's oil and gas sector.

Mexico hit by stock market crash

Small Latin nations show big brothers how to grow

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Jan 20, (UPI): Latin American economies, although stumbling in the world slowdown, grew for the third straight year in 1987, with smaller nations showing the big brothers how to do it.

While giants Brazil, Argentina, and Mexico lost their handle on inflation and fell far short of growth targets, Uruguay, Chile, Paraguay, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, the Dominican Republic and Bolivia notched up overall economic performances ranging from good to very good through combinations of daring, expertise, patience and good luck.

Obstacles

Considering the obstacles — huge foreign debts, perennial political instability, change-resistant bureaucracies, and in some cases guerrilla warfare — the fact many Latin countries could prosper at all in 1987 was a major achievement.

Whether they can put in a repeat performance in 1988 is open to question.

It will depend on such imponderables as overall world growth, political conditions, harvests, and ever-fluctuating prices of raw materials — oil, wheat, soybeans, coffee, copper — the chief exports of most Latin American countries.

Gold prices firm

Dollar, stocks slip on new trade worries

LONDON, Jan 20, (Reuters): The dollar slid today as money markets worried that better-than-expected US trade figures last week may have given a false picture of America's economy.

Gold prices were firm. Shares eased in most centres — "there is little incentive to invest in this market at the moment. We're in a state of limbo," a London share dealer said.

News last Friday of a US November trade deficit down to \$13.22 billion, from October's record 17.63 billion, had propelled the dollar to values above 1.68 Deutschmarks and 130 yen at the start of this week.

Selling

Dealers said selling was triggered by worry that the low November deficit was an aberration, a fear strengthened by news yesterday that Japan's trade surplus rose in December.

Rumours fuelled the market jitters. One such rumour said a US newspaper was saying the trade data understated the true US deficit by \$3 billion.

"Everyone is depressed again," said a share dealer in

Frankfurt, where West German stocks retreated because a weak dollar threatens to pinch export earnings.

Paris dealer said a 27-point drop on Wall Street yesterday and easier share prices in Tokyo today helped depress French stocks. The Paris 50-share bourse indicator was down 1.93 per cent in early trading.

Spanish, Italian, Dutch and Swiss stock markets eased.

Earlier, Tokyo's Nikkei stock index closed slightly down, losing 55.03 points to end at 22,843.14.

"I think the obvious cause is uncertainty," said Andrew Ballingal at Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities in Tokyo.

"There is mixed evidence as to what happened on the trade front."

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index fell five points to 2,483, according to preliminary figures, while Sydney's All Ordinaries index was down 3.4 points to 1,295.4.

Gold was fixed in London today at \$477.75 an ounce, having closed yesterday at 477.10.

The pound sterling gained to \$1.7905 in London's morning, after last night's 1.7720.

Share prices in London were pulled lower today by a weaker dollar and lack of activity.

The Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index closed 15.2 points down at 1,752.8.

Volume was a light 445.3 million shares, with the bulk of the trading conducted in the morning. Volume yesterday was 344.2 million shares.

The market opened weak on the back of falls in New York and Tokyo, and was further undermined as the dollar slid throughout the morning.

Down

A few large orders around lunchtime sent the 100-share index down further, and a weak opening on Wall Street sent it to its low for the day of 19.2 points down. Later in the afternoon, trading slowed to a virtual standstill and prices remained just above their lows.

The falling dollar especially hurt shares of companies with large international operations. Some domestic issues, primarily retailers, benefited as investors

shifted into shares without significant dollar exposure.

Traders said prices were also depressed by lack of news and activity.

Britoil, which is fighting a takeover attempt from British Petroleum, announced that an independent study valued its assets at 699 pence a share, well above BP's 450 pence-a-share offer price.

Britoil shares were trading at about 455 pence when the valuation was reported and closed at 473 pence, up 19 pence on the day.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials dropped 8.46 to 1,927.88 at 10.30 am EST (1530 GMT) in the first hour of trading.

Losers outnumbered gainers by more than 3 to 1 in the overall tally of New York Stock Exchange-listed issues, with 258 up, 829 down and 396 unchanged.

Volume of the NYSE came to 29.87 million shares in the first hour.

The dollar lost ground today in foreign exchange markets around the world.

Sanctions put coalminers out of work

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 20, (UPI): An American and European embargo on coal imports from South Africa has put 3,000 blacks out of work and could cost another 10,000 their jobs by the end of the year, a mining official said today.

"South African exporters hit by sanctions are forced to seek sales on the world spot market, which is notoriously for ridiculously low prices," said Allen Cook, coal mining chief in the Chamber of Mines, an independent federation of mine owners.

Biggest

Coal is the country's second biggest export earner with foreign sales last year of over 3.1 billion rand (\$1.5 billion).

Gold sales last year totalled 17.2 billion rand (\$8.5 billion).

"Sanctions by the United States, Denmark and France

Housing starts plunge

US consumer prices climb

WASHINGTON, Jan 20, (Reuters): US consumer prices rose a modest 0.1 per cent in December, giving an inflation rate for 1987 of 4.4 per cent, the Labour Department said today.

It was the highest annual inflation rate in six years. Prices rose by only 1.1 per cent in 1986, largely because of a slump in oil prices on world markets. Excluding energy prices, inflation would have been 3.8 per cent.

The seasonally adjusted 0.1 per cent increase in December was smaller than the 0.2 per cent rise that economists had expected and followed a 0.3 per cent increase in November.

Slowed

Overall food price increase slowed in 1987, despite sharp rises in fruit and vegetable prices, while shelter, clothing and entertainment costs rose faster than in 1986.

Without the increase in energy prices, consumer prices would have risen by 4.1 per cent last year.

In December, food and beverage prices rose 0.5 per cent, led by a sharp 5.6 per cent

increase in fruit and vegetable prices, which were only partially offset by drops in meat, fish and dairy prices.

In a separate report, the Commerce Department said that housing starts in December slumped by 16.2 per cent to an annual rate of 1.374 million. The drop was much steeper than expected.

Construction

For the whole of 1987 construction began on 1.617 million homes, the lowest level since 1982, compared with 1.805 million in 1986.

In November housing starts rose a revised 6.6 per cent to an annual rate of 1.64 million. The government originally estimated that starts rose 7.5 per cent in November.

Commerce Department officials said the drop in December housing starts was the steepest since a 26 per cent decline in March 1984.

The number of building permits issued, a barometer of future homebuilding activity, also fell sharply in December, by 8.8 per cent to an annual rate of

1.34 million, the government said.

Housing permits rose a revised 0.4 per cent in November. Previously the department had said permits fell 0.7 per cent in November.

The 1987 total for permits was 1.54 million, down from 1.77 million in 1986 and the lowest total since 1982.

The housing industry has weakened slightly in the past two years as pent-up demand from potential buyers who were unable to afford a home because of high interest rates in the early 1980s has gradually been satisfied.

But economists said weakness last month may have been particularly acute because bad weather across the nation prevented many builders from starting work on new homes.

Sales

If the weakness persisted, it would rub off on the entire economy because sales of electrical appliances, furniture and myriad other household items are directly linked to the strength of the housing industry.

'No extra money for health service'

UK reaffirms plans to boost spending

LONDON, Jan 20, (AP): Despite intense political pressure on the British government to increase spending on the national health service, the Treasury announced today that the amounts allocated for health in the next three fiscal years will remain as planned.

The government continues to plan to spend £20.7 billion (\$37.05 billion) on health and personal social services in 1988-89 vs £19.6 billion (\$35.1 billion) in the current fiscal year, which ends on March 31.

Forecast

However, as a percentage of total spending, expenditure on health should rise to 14.1 per cent by 1990-91 from 13.1 per cent in the 1986-87 fiscal year, the Treasury said.

The forecast came in a detailed Treasury statement on public spending which elaborates on

forecasts made in November by Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson. Overall spending figures are the same as the November statement.

The government has been under pressure recently from opposition leaders, doctors and nurses, to spend more on the country's national health service, which its critics claim is in a crisis due to shortage of funds.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has kept a tight grip on public spending since she came into power in 1979.

Revenue

The Treasury reaffirmed its plans to boost public spending in Britain by an average of 1.25 per cent annually in real terms over the next three fiscal years.

Lawson is to announce details of the revenue side of the budget on March 15. He is expected to

announce a further cut in taxes as a result of buoyant government revenues, resulting from higher-than-expected tax revenues and from privatisation proceeds.

This has infuriated some government critics who believe the extra revenue should be given to the health service rather than to the taxpayers.

Spending details also included:

As a proportion of Gross Domestic Product, public spending should fall from 42.5 per cent in the current fiscal year, ending March 31, 1988, to 41.25 per cent in the 1990-91 budget, the Treasury confirmed. The 1990-91 level would be the lowest proportion since 1972-73.

As previously announced, the public expenditure planning totals, a measure of expenditure that excludes debt interest payment, will rise 6 per cent in nominal terms to £156.8 billion

(\$281 billion) in the fiscal year beginning on April 1, 1988, from an expected £147.3 billion (\$264 billion) in the current fiscal year.

The planning totals for 1989-90 and 1990-91 are £167.1 billion (\$299 billion) and £176.1 billion (\$315 billion), respectively.

Spending on education and science will rise from 13.3 per cent of total spending to 13.7 per cent in the same period.

The proportion spent on law and order and on social security will also rise to the end of the decade. Social security will continue to account for around a third of total public spending.

The proportion spent on defence will fall slightly to 12.1 per cent by 1990-91. That follows the sharp increases in public spending on defence in the years since Mrs Thatcher's Conservative government was first elected in 1979.

EEC team looks at Turkish economy

ANKARA, Jan 20, (Reuters): Two European Economic Community (EEC) officials started an assessment of the Turkish economy today in what is seen here as a first step in Ankara's bid for full Community membership.

Turkish officials said the EEC team will see businessmen, officials and academics and review developments in industry, agriculture and services.

Turkey applied for full membership of the 12-nation block last April after being an associate member since 1963.

Conservative Prime Minister Turgut Ozal who returned to power in November for a five-year term has made full EEC membership a major foreign policy goal.

Delegation

Yildirim Keskin, senior official of a ministry dealing with EEC affairs will lead the Turkish side in the official talks with the EEC delegation headed by Jean Durioux, an EEC administrator and special advisor to Claude Cheysson, EEC commissioner in charge of relations with Turkey.

Bank in war of attrition against new shareholders

MADRID, Jan 20, (Reuters): The chairman of Banco Central, Spain's biggest bank, appears resolved to check a bid by a group of Spanish and Kuwaiti shareholders to join the board in what may signal a struggle for control, stockbroker analysts said.

The two sides have traded press statements ahead of an extraordinary shareholders' meeting on Saturday, which has been called to approve a seven billion peseta (\$64 million) capital increase and two new board appointments.

Saga

"We are seeing the first live rounds being fired across the bows in what promises to be a long drawn out saga," Tim Orchard, London-based analyst with brokerage Warburg Securities said.

Cartera Central SA, a holding company formed by building firm Construcciones Y Contratas SA (Conycon) said last weekend it had formally asked to

be represented on the bank's board.

Key figures behind Cartera are two Spanish businessmen, Alberto Alcor and Alberto Cortina, popularly known as "Los Albertos," who jointly own Conycon.

Conycon holds 51.2 per cent of Cartera. Kuwaiti interests hold the balance.

Cartera is, in turn, Banco Central's largest single shareholder with a declared stake of 12.51 per cent, and on that basis argues it is legally entitled to board representation.

But Banco Central has said it will recognise voting rights at Saturday's meeting for only 61,827 of Cartera-held shares — only a fraction of one per cent of the bank's capital.

Registered

Banco Central said these were the only shares Cartera had registered in time to be included on the share register which will apply at the meeting.

Cartera would not be allowed to exercise voting rights on a further 3.57 million shares — equivalent to about five per cent of the bank's capital — because they were registered too late.

The bank also challenged the transfer to Cartera by the Kuwait Investment Office (KIO), an investment arm of the Kuwaiti government, of a 4.95 per cent holding in Banco Central which was acquired by the Kuwaitis in 1986.

Declaration

A spokesman for Banco Central said the KIO had undertaken when it bought the shares to offer the bank first refusal on them if it decided to sell before October 1988.

They could not be registered in Cartera's name "and we will demand that the undertakings be honoured," Banco Central said.

An official at a Spanish bank who asked not to be identified, commented: "This looks like a declaration of war."

Indian tractor firm goes public

EICHER Tractors Ltd., the pioneer and a market leader in the Indian tractor industries, with 27 years of successful operations goes public shortly.

A delegation led by Subodh Bhargava, the executive of Eicher Tractors Ltd., visited Kuwait last week in connection with their public issue of 26,40,000 equity shares of Rs 10 each at a premium of Rs 5 each, out of which 700,000 shares are reserved for preferential allotment to Non-Resident Indians.

A seminar was organised by the firm at Kuwait Sheraton in order to brief the NRI's about the issue.

The meeting was presided over by Mohan Menon, vice-chairman of NRI Investors Forum.

Bhargava said the firm has manufactured its first tractor in 1960. Eicher is a powerful integrated company having over Rs83 crores turnover.

Results

During 1985-86, keeping in view the market changes and expectations of future trends, the management embarked on a strategic reorganisation in centralisation of all tractor operations of the Eicher group in Eicher Tractors Ltd. (ETL) and establishment of three specialised plants for the manufacture of gears and components at Parwanoo (HP), engines at Alwar



Subodh Bhargava
(Rajasthan) and tractor assembly at Faridabad (Haryana).

During the very first year after this reorganisation of tractor operations of the Eicher group, the company (ETL) has produced excellent results for the year ended on June 30, 1987, with a post-tax earning of Rs5.61 per share.

The company controls an extensive marketing and service network, operating through over 250 dealer outlets and regional sales offices. Today Eicher is an uncontested leader in the tractor market below 30 HP with a market share of over 50 per cent.

Eicher has also invested in the largest and most sophisticated research and development centre in the Indian tractor industry.

Performance

ETL is currently executing a Rs7 crore modernisation programme (for which the financial institutions have already sanctioned loans), to upgrade its manufacturing facilities. This modernisation programme has been designed to improve productivity and profitability, leading to enhancement of returns on investment.

ETL has already introduced a

high performance 35 HP tractor and is now poised to capture a substantial share of the 30 to 40 HP tractor segment which constitutes over 90 per cent of the Indian tractor market.

Bhargava said ETL's plan to achieve additional sale of 5000 to 7000 tractors annually. This would result in increase in turnover by Rs50 crores for the company over the next 2 to 3 years and thereby enhance profitability. The company also plans to begin work on a project for the manufacture of 45 to 50 HP tractors soon.

With a licensed capacity of over 30,000 tractors per annum, ETL is well geared to meet the expected upsurge in demand.

ETL, a dynamic, dividend paying company is now offering its shares, for subscription to the public, for the first time.

The highlight of the present public issue is that the equity shares offered now would be entitled to dividend for the entire year ending June 30, 1988.

The other speakers of the conference were Arjan Advani, regional manager of ICICI and Badri Agarwal director of ETL and K. Neelakantan of JM Finance.

The issue opens for NRIs on Saturday and remittances for subscriptions to this share can be remitted through Kuwait Western Exchange Company.

Rajan Niteshwalia, an executive committee member of NRI Investors Forum, Kuwait took the opportunity to inform the NRIs, that during his recent visit to India, he met officials of ETL and NRI consultative committee in New Delhi and was informed that the government is seriously considering bringing out a foreign currency deposit scheme for a period upto seven years on non-repatriation basis, with higher incentives.

Kuwait dinar deposits display firmer tone

KUWAITI dinar interbank deposits displayed a firmer tone yesterday, although the market remained liquid despite attempts by the Central Bank to mop up surplus funds.

Traders said the Central Bank entered the market to sell already issued Treasury bills at yields which were increased in stages throughout the morning to a final 4.75 per cent.

That drove one-month deposits briefly as high as 5-1/2, five per cent before they settled back to 4-7/8, 1/2. On Tuesday, the maturity had traded at four, 3-1/2 per cent.

Liquidity

Traders said the Central Bank operation sucked some funds out of the market, but added liquidity was still likely to remain

high in coming days.

Traders said public sector salaries are expected to be paid over to bank accounts soon, increasing liquidity and adding to market speculation an offering of new government Treasury bills will be made in the coming week.

The liquid market was reflected most in the short-dates where Central Bank intervention had been no impact.

Overnight funds change was adjusted firmer to 0.2752/35 to 35 to the dollar from Tuesday's 0.27537/47. Commercial Bank also quoted the spot dinar at about 0.27525/35.

JUNIOR TIMES

Dear Junior Readers,

Japan Week will be launched today with a traditional Japanese tap-dancing and kite-flying demonstration at the Kuwait Science Club. Watch for pictures and a story in Tuesday's Junior Times about these exciting events.

This is also a good time for us to learn more about this leading technological country with its many traditions and vast natural beauty.

We hope you enjoy reading about Japan and the other articles and puzzles in today's Junior Times.

Aunt Barbara

Scary things

Under the bed

After saying goodnight

Getting stuck in a sweater

That's much too tight,

Getting lost at the fair

or the shops or the zoo,

Feeling something

With lots of legs

Crawling on you.

JAPAN is a beautiful country. It lies just off the eastern coast of Asia.

Japan is the first country to see the sun rise in the morning. That is why Japan is known as "the land of the rising sun."

Japan is a nation of islands. There are four large islands and more than 3,000 smaller ones. The large islands are Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, and Kyushu.

Tokyo

More than one hundred million people live in Japan. They live mainly in cities.

Tokyo is the largest city. It is on the island of Honshu. It has more than ten million people. It is one of the largest cities in the world.

The seacoast

Tokyo is also the capital of Japan. It is a very busy city.

Japan has thousands of miles of beautiful seacoast. In the fall, strong wind

The land of the rising sun

and rain storms, called typhoons, cause heavy damage to coastal towns.

The mountains

Mountains cover most of Japan's land. Some of the mountains are volcanoes. The highest, named Mount Fuji, is a quiet volcano.

Japan also has many earthquakes. Most are weak, but a strong earthquake may cause great damage.

The people

The Japanese have learned to make buildings that can stand up to typhoons and earthquakes.

Japan has very old customs or rules. They are a part of everyday life.

The most important rules are about the family. Japanese young people are expected to respect their parents.

It is very common in Japan for three generations - grandparents, parents, and children - to live together in the same house. The grandparents are loved and respected.

Today Japan is changing. The old rules are not always followed. But most Japanese people combine the best of the old ways with the best of the new.

Homes

On a farm the whole family works together.

In the city the father may go to work. The mother may work, too, or she may stay home to care for young children.

In cities people live in modern apartments. They are heated by gas or electricity. Almost every home in Japan has a television and a telephone.

High-speed trains carry people from one city to another.

Some Japanese live in three- or four-room houses. The roofs are covered with tiles. The outer walls are made of wood. The inside walls are made of sliding paper panels.

Woven mats, called tatami, cover the floors. By day cushions serve as seats. At night special pads,

called futons, are placed on the floor for sleeping.

Almost every home has a special corner, called a tokonoma. The tokonoma is decorated with flowers and a painting. This corner shows the beauty of nature.

Food

Most Japanese food is fried, boiled or broiled. Pieces of fish, chicken, pork, or beef are often cooked with vegetables in soy sauce.

For hundreds of years tea has been a favourite drink. Today the Japanese drink whatever they wish. But most Japanese still drink tea with their meals. The Japanese use chopsticks to eat. Rice is a part

of every meal

Education is free in Japan. Starting at age six every child must attend six years of primary school and three years of junior high school.

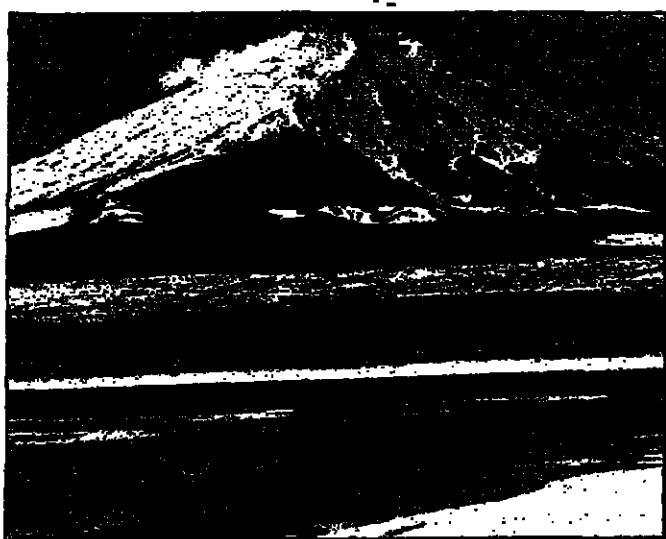
Most students go on to three years of high school. Good students can go to four years of college or university.

Education is very important. The students work hard. They know that a good education leads to a good job in Japan.

In school Japanese children learn to read and write Japanese.

Japanese is not hard to speak.

But Japanese is very hard to write. Each word is written in a special way. There are thousands of words and thousands of characters and letters to be learned.



Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

THE WORLD'S LARGEST BOOKMAKER IS LADROKES WITH A TURNOVER FROM GAMBLING IN 1986 OF \$100 MILLION. HE ALSO HAS THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF BOOKS IN THE WORLD, INCLUDING THE KINGDOM AT THE END OF THE WORLD, AS WELL AS THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF BOOKS IN THE WORLD.

NICHOLAS JOHN COWAN, ALONG WITH FELLOW BRITON ANTHONY A. SPEELMAN, WON \$1,621,000.40 AFTER TAX, ON A \$54 NINE HORSE ACCUMULATOR AT SANTA ANITA RACETRACK, CALIFORNIA, USA ON 13 APRIL 1987. THEIR FIRST SEVERAL SELECTIONS WON AND THE PRIZE WAS FOR A JACKPOT ACCUMULATED OVER 30 DAYS.

THE ONLY RECORDED INSTANCE OF A RACING CORRESPONDENT FORECASTING TEN OUT OF TEN WINNERS ON RACE CARD WAS AT DELAWARE PARK, DELAWARE, USA, ON 28 JULY 1974 BY CHARLES LAMB OF THE BALTIMORE NEWS AMERICAN.

THE HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR A SUIT OF ARMOUR IS \$1.1 TRILLION (\$1.1 TRILLION) ON 5 MAY 1982 AT SOITHEBY'S AUCTION, LONDON FOR A SUIT OF ARMOUR IN MILAN BY GIOVANNI DI PANDOLFO IN 1545 FOR HENRI II OF FRANCE. IT CAME FROM THE EVER CASTLE COLLECTION IN KENT.

THE LONGEST RECORDED HORSEBACK RIDE IN FULL ARMOUR (A STONE SADDLE) IS ONE OF 161 MILES (259 KM) FROM GLENROTH, SCOTLAND IN 3 DAYS (RIDING TIME 15-16 HOURS) BY DICK BROWN, 49, FROM 15-15 JUNE 1977.

THE THICKEST ARMOUR EVER CARRIED BY A WARSHIP WAS IN HMS INFLEXIBLE (COMPLETED 1881). IT MEASURED 24 IN (61 CM) THICKNESS OF 42 IN (106 CM).

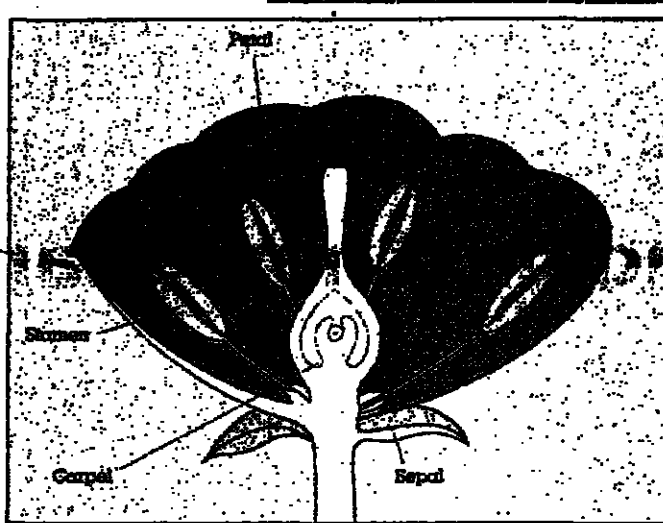
Pollination

THERE are four parts to most flowers, arranged one inside the other. These are the sepals, the petals, the stamens and the carpels.

The sepals protected the flower while it was a young bud. Many petals are brightly coloured, to attract insects to the flower. Many flowers also have lovely scents so that bees and other insects will notice them and come to them.

The stamens make a yellow dust called pollen. If you shake a ripe flower, little clouds of pollen come off. When some pollen from the same kind of flower settles on the carpels, the carpels start to

Science corner



When the pollen settle on the carpels, the carpel grows to form a fruit. Some fruits contain just one seed. Other fruits contain many seeds.

The wax produced by bees is used in making honeycombs consisting of six-sided cells into each of which the queen bee lays an egg that will eventually give birth to an insect. Other cells in the honeycomb act as storage places for honey.

The honey is nectar from flowers which has been gathered, concentrated and digested by the bees. The honey still has the scent of the flowers where the bees first found it.

grow. Sometimes the pollen is carried to the carpels by bees and other kinds of insects. Some-

times the pollen is carried by the wind. Catkins have their pollen carried by the wind.

Insults

1. Beau Brummell, encountering the Prince Regent and a companion out for a stroll in London made what scathing enquiry of the companion?
2. Who described Algernon Charles Swinburne as 'sitting in a sewer and adding to it'?
3. What did Samuel Johnson have to say about the letters of Lord Chesterfield?
4. 'The same old sausage, fizzing and sputtering in his own grease' was whose opinion of Thomas Carlyle?
5. Walking down Piccadilly one day, the Duke of Wellington was addressed by a stranger who said, 'Mr Brown, I believe?' What was the Duke's reply?
6. How did Winston Churchill handle Lady Astor when she said, 'If you were my husband, I'd poison your coffee'?
7. George Bernard Shaw received this invitation from a celebrity huntress: 'Lady X will be at home. Thursday between four and six.' He returned the card, having written what on it?
8. When they were leaving by the same door, Clare Boothe waved Dorothy Parker ahead, saying, 'Age before beauty.' Miss Parker swept through with what apt rejoinder?
9. Who is reputed to have said, 'I never forget a face, but in your case I'll make an exception'?
10. In which fashion is Churchill supposed to have knifed Clement Attlee when someone observed that he was a very modest man?

Answers: 1. 'Who's your fat friend?' 2. Thomas Carlyle. 3. The famous letters, Johnson found, teach the morals of a whore and the manners of a dancing master'. 4. Henry James. 5. 'Sir, if you believe that, you'll believe anything'. 6. 'And if I were your husband, I should drink it'. 7. 'So will Mr Bernard Shaw'. 8. 'Pearls before swine'. 9. Groucho Marx. 10. Churchill is said to have agreed, adding, 'He has a great deal to be modest about.'

Firsts and lasts

The last of the 'Seven Wonders of the World' to be built was the Pharos lighthouse at Alexandria in Egypt. It was completed in 280 BC and was a staggering 138 m high - or the height of a block of flats with 35 storeys.

The ancient Egyptians had a form of shorthand over 2,000 years ago.

The Romans first came to Britain in 55 BC under the leadership of Julius Caesar. Eleven years later he was assassinated.

Search for the bad guys

Can you find the words below in the diagram? They are formed in the diagram forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally, but they are always in a straight line and are never formed by skipping over any letters.

BARBARIAN CRIMINAL HOODLUM ROGUE
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D R O E Z V B U Y A I C I
E O O I P M A C S V A D A
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I I L J R N I D K L D S T
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O G A L N Z O T L I P S N
N M I K U E R H O E R U O
P H L J Y B R Q N F T V C

Let's cook

Cheese and potato pie

Ingredients

(for 4 people)

Large packet of instant potato (500 ml or 1 pint size)

6 rounded table spoonfuls (150 g or 6 oz) grated Cheddar cheese

1 tomato

25g (1 oz) margarine

Equipment

Ovenproof serving dish

Mixing bowl

Sharp knife

Fork

Pan

1. Put oven at Gas Mark

4 (electricity 350°F/180°C).

2. Measure 500 ml (1

pint) of water, pour into

pan. Place on cooker and

bring to boil.

3. Put instant potato in

mixing bowl, with mar-

garine. When water boils,

carefully pour it onto

potato powder, then mix

with fork.

4. Add 4 tablespoonfuls

of grated cheese to the

potato and mix well. Place

potato mixture in serving

dish and smooth top with

knife.

5. Sprinkle on remaining

cheese. Place pie in oven

for 20 minutes. (If pie is

required at once, however,

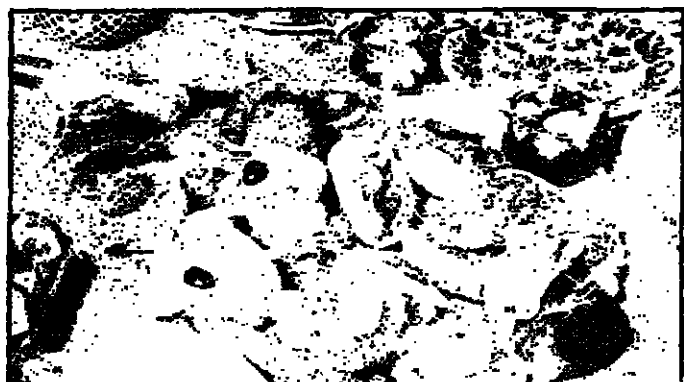
it can be placed under a hot grill until cheese melts and bubbles.)

6. Cut tomato into slices and place on top just before serving. A piece of watercress in each corner also makes this dish look attractive.

Open rolls

Instead of making sandwiches, try open rolls; they are as delicious to eat as they are to look at. When shopping, choose long finger rolls or round rolls.

1. Cut rolls in half and spread each cut side with



butter.

2. Toppings: Choose

one or more foods from

each column and arrange

food attractively on top of

rolls:

Sliced ham

Corned beef

Cheese, sliced or grated

Hard-boiled egg

Salmon or tuna

mixed with a little

mayonnaise

Cress

Lettuce

Cucumber

Sliced tomato

Tomato wedges

Raisins

Halved grapes

Orange slices

Pineapple



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(۱۹ فروری تا ۱۹ مارچ)

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(۲۰ مارچ تا ۱۸ اپریل)

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 سمندر میں آبادی گئی۔
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 سے اپنی فوجیں واپس بلانے کا منصوبہ
 لے لیا۔
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SPORTS

Pat Pack reunited at Open

MELBOURNE, Jan 20, (Reuters). The "Pat Pack" have reunited for the first time since Wimbledon.

The three men and a woman embraced by Pat Cash after his victory climb through the crowds at Wimbledon last July have combined in Melbourne to plot his Australian Open campaign.

"We are all about giving him that vital edge," said coach Ian Barclay in a telephone interview before Friday's semifinal between Cash and the man he beat in the Wimbledon final, world number one Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia.

The difference between the top guys on the circuit may be as little as a couple of points over 3-1/2 hours of tennis.

Care

"If there is the chance you can get an extra half a per cent then you have to delve into it. We are always looking around for something to give us that edge."

While Barclay refines Cash's tennis skills, physiotherapist Ann Quinn and psychologist Jeff Bond fine-tune the body and mind respectively of the 22-year-old Australian. Pat Cash senior acts as manager to his son.

"If someone is about being professional in a sport like tennis then they have to take care of every little detail," said Quinn, who has known Cash since he was 15.

"Pat is so dedicated it's incredible. He amazed me with his will to work before Wimbledon and, if anything, that has increased since."

"I put him through a series of tests about four weeks ago and he set new standards yet again. There is no doubt he is stronger, faster and fitter than at Wimbledon."

Bond said the Wimbledon victory has increased the importance of psychology in Cash's preparations.

Clawing

"There is one method of psychology to use when a guy is clawing his way to the top and another for the person who is there," Bond said.

"We recognised we still had things to work on after Wimbledon, in the main the added pressure of other people's expectations and the extra calls on Pat's time because of his win."

"What we work on is concentration, manipulating certain things on court. It's a matter of controlling things to get into a rhythm, the tempo of dominating the opponent."

"Pat continues to get better and better at that," Bond said by telephone.

Barclay said his pupil's on-court skills had also improved.

"I'm a perfectionist and so is he. We both strive to do better," said the 50-year-old Melbourne-based coach.

"I firmly believe the best is still to come from Pat. He's 22 years old but only 20 as far as tennis is concerned because of all the time he's been sidelined with injury."

Cash spent almost eight months in the tennis wilderness during 1984 after severely damaging muscles in his back.

Quinn, like Barclay, believes Cash's preparation has been faultless. Being at home has helped his build-up as he can concentrate solely on the match in hand.

"Because he's at home he has access to every facility he needs," Quinn said.

Aspirations

Cash would dearly love to win the first Open staged at the new multi-million-dollar National Tennis Centre.

Yet defeat here would not be the end of the world. Cash and his mentors have other aspirations, among them a desire to see him at the top of the world tennis tree.

WILANDER OUTCLASSES JARRYD FOR SEMIFINALS

Edberg struggles past Chesnokov

MELBOURNE, Jan 20, (Reuters). Defending champion Stefan Edberg moved a step nearer a third straight Australian Open crown but emerged shaken after a quarterfinal win over Soviet player Andrei Chesnokov today.

Edberg, the second seed, battled hard to defeat the tenacious Chesnokov 4-6 7-6 (7-5) 6-4 6-4 in a two-hour, 50 minute thriller. In Friday's semifinals he will meet third-seeded fellow-Swede Mats Wilander, who beat yet another compatriot, Anders Jarryd, 7-6 6-2 6-3 today.

Top-seeded Ivan Lendl faces Wimbledon champion Pat Cash, seeded four, in the other men's semifinal. They both qualified yesterday.

Flashy

For almost two sets Edberg, 22 yesterday, seemed a likely victim of the flashy forehand and double-barreled backhand of Chesnokov, who looked out of place in the space-age court with his baggy shorts and endorsement-free shirt.

But the world's number two rallied from the brink to edge past the unseeded Chesnokov, ranked 35th on the computer.

The turning point of the match came in the tiebreak of the second set when the umpire overruled a line judge who called an Edberg backhand out at 5-5.

Had the call stood it would have given the Soviet set point for a 2-0 lead. The point was



Edberg: had a tough time

replayed. Edberg won it to gain set point and then clinched the set on his first service point.

"I thought it was out," said Chesnokov afterwards. "But the umpire said it was in and it was not possible to argue. It makes a big difference, 6-5 instead of 5-6."

Edberg, who is seeking to join Jack Crawford and Roy Emerson as the winner of three straight Open singles crowns,

admitted afterwards he had been lucky to escape with a win.

"I had to fight very hard. He gave me a lot of trouble all the way," Edberg said.

"I was not laying my best but at least I fought hard. I will have to lift my game another level against Mats."

Wilander had earlier beaten Jarryd in a quarterfinal match that was as dour as the other was gripping.

Wilander, winner of the 1983-84 Opens, took the two-hour-41-minute battle of the baseliners through steadiness rather than flair.

But he still poses a big problem for Edberg, who has been below form from the start of the tournament. Edberg is the only men's semifinalist to have lost a set — he has lost two — in this tournament.

Edberg started slowly against Chesnokov. His serve, his biggest weapon, had all but deserted him — he was footfaulted seven times in the match — and his volleying was out of touch.

But by the start of the third set he had begun to find his rhythm. A break for a 5-4 lead in the third left him serving for a 2-1 advantage and another in the first game of the fourth effectively ended Chesnokov's charge.

"I have basically been struggling for two weeks," said Edberg. "I have to work harder than I am used to. It's more mental and I have to believe more in myself."

"At 2-0 in the second set I said to myself, 'What the hell am I doing, at least work.'"

"I did and I felt afterwards I had done a good job out there," he said.

The women's semifinals are tomorrow with top-seeded Steffi Graf facing fellow-West German Claudia Kohde-Kilsch and Martina Navratilova taking on perennial rival Chris Evert.

This morning Briton Andrew Castle and American Roberto Saad combined to win the longest match in the history of the Australian Open in the men's doubles quarterfinals.

Their five-set heart-stopper against Canadians Grant Connell and Glenn Michibata, which included three tiebreaks and a final set of 36 games, lasted five hours 10 minutes on court one. Castle and Saad won 6-7 7-6 6-7 6-3 19-17.

The previous longest match on record was four hours 51 minutes set by Yannick Noah and American Roger Smith earlier this tournament in a first round singles match, won 16-14 by the Frenchman in the final set.

Fault

Three times in the final set, Castle served for the match only to lose his serve.

At 18-17, 30-30, Saad served a fault on his first serve and was then foot-faulted by a line judge on his second.

But the umpire overruled the call, saying it had been made before Saad had hit the ball.

The umpire awarded him two further serves. Saad served another fault with his first but the American/British combination won the point off the second serve.

They won the next point, the first matchpoint of the quarterfinal, to earn a semifinal clash against Briton Jeremy Bates and Swede Peter Lundgren.

McEnroe must qualify for Seoul Olympics

MELBOURNE, Jan 20, (Reuters). American John McEnroe will have to qualify to play at the Seoul Olympics while Hana Mandlikova, an Australian citizen since January 1, will not compete despite being named to play for Czechoslovakia, her former homeland.

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) announced its direct acceptances today, adding that Tim Mayotte, ranked one place above McEnroe at number nine in the world, would be the only American not required to qualify for the Games, the first for 64 years where medals will be awarded for tennis.

Named

The fiery McEnroe, who has not competed for over two months following suspension, is named as one of 27 players from North and South America who will play for six qualifying places in the 64-man draw.

In the unlikely event that he did not qualify, the ITF could grant him one of eight wild cards for the men's tournament.

Among the 32 players directly accepted are Wimbledon champion Pat Cash of Australia, ex-champion Boris Becker of West Germany and Swede Stefan Edberg and Mats Wilander.

World number one Steffi Graf of West Germany, who won the demonstration event at the 1984 Olympics, Argentina's Gabriela Sabatini and Mandlikova gain direct acceptance to the 48-strong draw for the women's singles.

Mandlikova told journalists later she had been nominated by the Czechoslovak federation without her permission and would not represent Czechoslovakia at the Olympics.

She has stated recently she wanted to play for Australia in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, but had not indicated her plans for the 1988 Games.

One anomaly appears to be the selection of Henri Leconte and Thierry Tulasne as the two French direct acceptances ahead of Yannick Noah, who has said he will not play in Seoul.

Noah, ranked eighth in the world compared with Tulasne's 57th, is named in the European qualifying section.

The ITF said 70 nations had entered the tennis singles and doubles tournaments, which



McEnroe: no direct acceptance involve qualifying and pre-qualifying competitions.

Countries are allowed to nominate four men and three women of which a maximum of three men and three women may compete in the singles events.

The number of direct acceptances depends on the countries' degree of success in last year's Davis and Federation Cups, the premier men's and women's team competitions.

Teams which reached at least the quarter-final round of the 1987 Davis Cup gain two direct acceptances.

Reaching the quarterfinals of the Federation Cup gains three direct acceptances.

The ITF said the venues and times of the pre-qualifying and qualifying competitions will be announced soon.

Events

The Olympics take place from September 17 to October 2. The tennis events last from September 20 until October 1.

The direct acceptances for the Olympics are based on the ITF's two team competitions, the Davis Cup and the women's Federation Cup.

Flags of 161 Olympic nations raised

Games' organisers celebrate record entry

SEOUL, South Korea, Jan 20, (AP). The flags of the 161 nations taking part in the 1988 Olympic Games were raised amid trumpet fanfare today, and officials vowed to keep politics out and stage "the perfect Games."

The flags were raised at the ultra-modern Olympic Park by hundreds of boy scouts and girl scouts as Olympic and government officials watched. Two military bands played fanfares as the flags were slowly raised.

Reality

Prime Minister Kim Chung-Yul said the success of the Games was ensured because a record number of nations would participate and there would be no superpower boycott for the first time in 12 years.

"I am convinced that the Seoul Games will be a great festival of mankind in name and reality, embodying the noble Olympic spirit of promoting peace," he said.

Hundreds of Olympic officials applauded and released a cloud of red, white, green and blue

balloons into the air after the flags were raised. Journalists and photographers ran around trying to find the flags of their nations, which were raised in Korean alphabetical order.

Park Seh-Jik, president of the Seoul Olympic Organising Committee (SIOC), said South Korea was determined that politics would not be allowed to spoil the Games. He said the Olympic movement was ready to put the problems of the past behind it.

"I believe 1988 will see an exemplary Olympics and, as such, will witness a new era for the Olympic movement," he said.

US and Soviet athletes are to compete against each other at the Olympics for the first time since 1976. The United States and many nations boycotted the 1980 Games in Moscow to protest Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. The Soviet Union and its allies boycotted the 1984 Games in Los Angeles.

Fears of a communist boycott headed by North Korea collapsed earlier this month when the Soviet Union and other communist countries said they would participate in 1988.

North Korea, which is demanding to co-host the Games, and Cuba are the only nations to announce boycotts if the co-hosting demand is not met. Ethiopia, Nicaragua, Albania and the Seychelles have not accepted for various reasons.

Urged

The prime minister denounced the Communist North for destroying a South Korean airliner and urged the world to condemn and punish Pyongyang. He charged North Korea with trying to wreck the Games.

"North Korean authorities up until this moment have refused to participate in the Games and have staged various plots to obstruct the Games," he said.

A woman confessed last Friday that she was a North Korean agent and helped destroy a Korean air plane that crashed Nov 29 in the Andaman Sea near Burma, killing all 115 people on board.

North Korea has repeatedly denied that it had anything to do with the disappearance of the plane.

South Korea was determined to ensure the success of the Games and North Korea would not be allowed to disrupt them, the prime minister said.

"None of their plots will be able to bend our people's firm determination to stage the Seoul Games successfully," he said.

Park told a news conference after the ceremony that South Korea still wants North Korea to take part in the Games because Seoul is determined to keep politics out. "We sincerely hope they come to Seoul," he said.

Asked about the North's co-hosting demand, Park said it was against the charter of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and he did not expect any change. The IOC has offered to let North Korea stage five Olympic events if it drops the co-host demand and take part in the Games in Seoul.

League rule change blow for Maxwell

LONDON, Jan 20, (Reuters). Watford's future as an English League soccer side may be put at risk if multi-millionaire publisher Robert Maxwell reopens negotiations to buy the club without first selling off his interests in Derby and Oxford.

Maxwell was warned about the possible consequences of pursuing his bid for the 92 per cent shareholding of Watford's rock star owner Elton John after the League tightened its rules in London yesterday.

An extraordinary general meeting of League chairmen approved the strengthening of its one man, one club rule.

It made clear that if Maxwell went ahead and tried to buy John's stake in Watford without first severing his financial links with Derby and Oxford, they would consider expelling the First Division club.

He can retain his chairmanship of Derby and his son, Kevin, will remain in charge of Oxford because the rule changes are not retrospective.

Legally

League president Philip Carter said: "We cannot draft regulations that are legally binding but we must all work within the spirit of them."

"If not, it could lead to the firing of the club, the firing of the individual or the expulsion of the club."

Maxwell previously stated he would sever all connections with soccer if he was prevented from buying Watford, while Derby have threatened legal action if Maxwell is forced away from them.

Maxwell said later yesterday's outcome was "to the detriment of the club, its supporters, its players, and the town of Watford."

But the League had wisely refused to proceed with an original intention to make the ruling retrospective. That would have been "illegal and unfair," he said.

He would stay as chairman of Derby with his son remaining in charge at Oxford.

Luton move into semifinal

LUTON, England, Jan 20, (AP). Second half goals by Steve Foster and Mick Harford sent Luton Town into the semifinal of the Littlewoods Soccer Cup yesterday as the First Division side downed Second Division Bradford City 2-0.

Foster scored from a free kick in the 56th minute after a blunder inside his area by Bradford goalkeeper Paul Tomlinson, who picked the ball up twice without its being touched by another player.

Harford added the second in the 64th minute.

Last season, Luton was banned from the competition for refusing to allow away fans to its Kenilworth ground as a measure against crowd violence.

Some 2,000 Bradford fans attended the match.

Danish striker

BUENOS AIRES, Jan 20, (Reuters). Danish international striker Preben Elkjaer Larsen could move to Argentina's River Plate in a deal taking winger Claudio Caniggia to Verona, an official from the Italian soccer club said Tuesday.

Wilkins takes Hawks past Bulls



Sleepy Floyd, the Houston Rockets' guard, sails toward the hoop as Sacramento Kings' Otis Thorpe (left), Kenny Smith (centre) and Harold Pressley (right) fail to stop the two-point play. (Reuters wirephoto)

NEW YORK, Jan 20, (AP). Dominique Wilkins scored 41 points, including an omni-record 24 in the first quarter, to power the Atlanta Hawks to a 106-94 triumph over the Chicago Bulls last night. Michael Jordan had 38 points in a losing effort.

The Hawks have now won 16 of 17 home games, their only loss on Nov 10 to the Bulls.

Wilkins' first-period scoring spree broke the omni record of 22 points set by Atlanta's John Drew and tied by Bob McAdoo of Buffalo.

Spurs 110, Bucks 104

In San Antonio, Frank Brickowski scored seven of his 26 points in the final two minutes as the San Antonio Spurs came from behind to defeat Milwaukee 110-104. The Bucks led by as many as 12 points in the fourth quarter before the Spurs pulled within 101-98.

Results

Atlanta	106	Chicago	94
San Antonio	110	Milwaukee	104
Houston	107	Sacramento	104
Dallas	120	Portland	116

Moses to compete in Olympic trials

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan 20, (AP). World record-holder and Olympic hurdles champion Edwin Moses will compete in the US Olympic track and field trials in July, the Athletics Congress said yesterday.

The 32-year-old Moses set a world record of 47.02 seconds for the 400-meter hurdles Aug 28, 1983. He won that event in both the 1976 and 1984 Olympics and had an unbeaten string of 107 straight finals snapped last June in Madrid.

Indy-car racing

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan 20, (AP). Teo Fabi, former Indianapolis motor speedway record-holder and Rookie of the Year, will return to Indy-car racing this season after more than three years on the Formula One circuit.

Fabi, 32, a native of Milan, Italy, will drive the 15-race championship auto racing teams series for Quaker State Porsche, beginning in April at Phoenix.

Tyson could hurt Holmes, says former trainer

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Jan 20, (AP). Larry Holmes will win could result in a bad beating by Mike Tyson, says Eddie Futch, who trained the former heavyweight champion for 12 title fights.

"Tyson has the style and strength that could make it hard for Larry to avoid getting badly beaten and possibly hurt," Futch said by telephone yesterday from his Nevada home. "I don't feel good about the fight."

Advised

"Tyson the 21-year-old undisputed heavyweight champion, is an 8-to-1 favourite to beat Holmes, 37, in their scheduled 12-round fight Friday night in Atlantic City."

"Larry has pride," Futch said. "He will go in there and do his best. Larry is not afraid of anybody, but I feel he doesn't have the physical capabilities at this stage of his career. I advised Larry more than a year ago not to take another fight."

"At his point in his career I hate to see him in there, that's

all," said Ray Arcel, who helped Futch prepare Holmes for his 13th-round knockout of Gerry Cooney on June 11, 1982.

"You don't belong in the ring, not with a 21-year-old guy who can punch," Arcel said by telephone from New York.

"Tyson is getting better," Futch said. "At one time I thought he had gone as far as he could go. He started standing up like he did against Boncrusher (Smith) and Tony Tucker (both decision victories). I could see him getting licked (beaten)."

"Then he went back to what he had been doing against Biggs — going to the body and crouching."

In his last fight, Tyson knocked out Tyrrell Biggs in the seventh round on Oct 16 and boosted his record to 32-0, with 28 knockouts. Holmes is 48-2, with 34 knockouts.

Holmes, who was the world's premier heavyweight for 7 1/2 years, has not fought since losing a 15-round split decision to Michael Spinks when he tried to

regain the International Boxing Federation title April 19, 1986.

Tyson, who is a student of boxing history and films, has said he thought Holmes' best fight was a 15-round split decision over Ken Norton for the World Boxing Council title June 9, 1978.

"He started showing signs of deterioration about three years ago, about the time of the Boncrusher Smith and David Bey fights," Futch said.

Holmes, who was cut and in trouble, stopped Smith on cuts in the 12th round Nov 9, 1984, and stopped a pudgey Bey in the 12th round March 15, 1985.

Succeeded

Futch helped Richie Giachetti train Holmes for his 15-round unanimous decision over Trevor Berbick April 11, 1981, at Las Vegas. He then succeeded Giachetti as Holmes' trainer until the first Spinks fight Sept 22, 1985, which he did not work because he also trained Spinks.

Giachetti trained Holmes for both Spinks fights and for Friday night's match.



Holmes: when he was world champion

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Drugs scandal

OSLO, Jan 20, (Reuters): A drugs scandal in the world of international speed-skating has drawn police into a criminal investigation of whether Soviet star Nikolai Gulyayev smuggled steroid tablets illegally into Norway.

Two-year ban

GENEVA, Jan 20, (Reuters): Swiss athlete Sandra Gasser is expected to ask the Berne civil court to extend an injunction lifting a two-year ban imposed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) for drug taking, one of her lawyers said today.

Games bid

ATHENS, Jan 20, (Reuters): Athens mayor Miltiades Evert warned today that the Greek capital, plagued by smog and inadequate transport, would not win its bid for the 1996 "golden" Olympic Games unless major work was speeded up in a \$4 billion programme.

Bout delayed

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, Jan 20, (AP): A rib injury suffered by Leon Spinks has caused a three-week delay in the former heavyweight champion's bout with Randal "Tex" Cobb, fight officials say.

Barcelona coach

BARCELONA, Spain, Jan 20, (Reuters): Barcelona soccer coach Luis Aragones is suffering from nervous exhaustion, club doctor Carlos Bestit said yesterday. Bestit said Aragones, who has had to give up coaching in the past because of depression, should be better in about two weeks.

American boxer

BIRMINGHAM, England, Jan 20, (AP): American light-welterweight boxer Tim Burgess, ranked No 16 by the World Boxing Council, was cheered out of the ring despite losing a narrow points decision yesterday to hometown favourite Lloyd Christie, the British titlist.

Lynch barred

BERN, Switzerland, Jan 20, (AP): US Nordic Combined specialist Kerry Lynch was barred from international competition for at least the rest of the year after admitting he practiced blood doping at the last World Championships, the International Ski Federation (FIS) said yesterday.

Hoogovens chess

WIJK-AAN-ZEE, Netherlands, Jan 20, (AP): Bulgarian grandmaster Kiril Georgiev was the only competitor in the field of 14 to score a victory in ninth-round play at the Hoogovens chess tournament yesterday.

Winter Games

INNSBRUCK, Austria, Jan 20, (AP): Austria garnered four golds and the United States three in downhill skiing while Scandinavian athletes dominated Nordic skiing yesterday at the fourth World Winter Games for the disabled.

Moroccan Open

VIRGINIA WATER, England, Jan 20, (AP): The Moroccan Open has been switched from the first week in March to the autumn portion of the PGA European Tour schedule, officials said today.

NHL Games

NEW YORK, Jan 20, (Reuters): Results of National Hockey League (NHL) games played yesterday (only games scheduled):

Washington	6	New Jersey	4
Edmonton	4	Quebec	4
Pittsburgh	6	New York	4
Winnipeg	3	St Louis	0
Hartford	6	Minnesota	3
Calgary	7	Vancouver	5
Los Angeles	6	New York	3

KUWAIT'S FAKHER AND KHALED REACH LAST 16

Jahangir routs Fares in opener

JAHANGIR Khan of Pakistan showed that he was in a class of his own when he crushed Iraq's Fares Baghdad in straight sets in 12 minutes to reach the last 16 of the 4th Asian Squash Championship, which started in Kuwait yesterday.

Kuwait's Fakher Al Sayed and Khaled Al Subaie also joined Jahangir in the last 16 after winning their first and second round games. Jahangir had a bye in the first round.

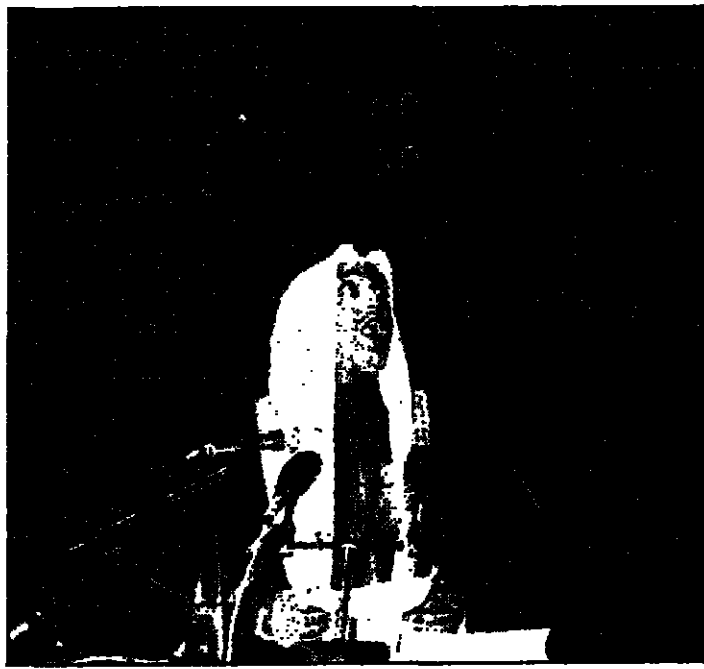
Fight

Jahangir, the world No. 2, seemed to take things easy as he knew that his Iraqi opponent could not put up a fight. He dropped only one point in the first set which he won in only four minutes.

Fares was, however, able to take two points in the second set which ended in five minutes but Jahangir rushed through the last set in only three minutes to win 9-19-29-0.

Unlike Jahangir, Fakher Al Sayed and Khaled Al Subaie had to play two matches each on the opening day. Al Subaie got a walkover in his first round match when his opponent withdrew but hardly worked up any sweat in the second round when he crushed a Bahraini opponent 9-19-0-0.

Fakher showed that he has the



Sheikh Fahd, the president of the Kuwait Squash Federation, delivers a speech during the opening ceremony.

potential to be among the top players by thrashing Tariq, of Lebanon, 9-1 9-0 9-1 in the first round.

After resting only for a short while, Fakher repeated the same performance in the second round. He executed excellent drop shots and kept Sri Lankan A.S. Siva on the run throughout

the match to win 9-19-29-3.

Despite easy victories in yesterday's matches, Fakher and Khaled may find themselves at the receiving end today when they face formidable opponents.

Fakher is scheduled to meet one of the best players in Asia, Zainul Abedin of Malaysia. Abedin is a world ranked player and scored easy straight set victories in his first and second round matches yesterday.

Khaled is scheduled to meet Pakistan's Maqsood Ahmad, who not only won his match with relative ease yesterday but is also tipped to reach the semifinals.

In the matches today, Jahangir meets Heng of Singapore at the Salmiya courts at 5.00 pm and this will be followed by a match on the same court between Gurubtham of Malaysia and Ezra of India.

Also on the same courts Hashem of Malaysia meets Durawala of India at 6.00 pm and after that Khalid of Kuwait



Jahangir (right) with Kuwait's Tariq Al Uwalah before the former's match.

meets Maqsood of Pakistan.

At the Kazma courts, Qamar Zaman meets Pandole of India at 5.00 pm followed by a match between Anthony Chua of Singapore and Hamed Al Said of Jordan. At 6.00 pm, Zainul Abedin takes on Fakher of Kuwait and Umer Khayat of Pakistan faces Singh of Singapore.

The president of the Kuwait Squash Federation, Sheikh Fahd Saad Al Abdallah, also visited the Kazma courts yesterday to witness the match between Qamar Zaman and Auram of Iraq.

The match only lasted 20 minutes with Qamar beating his opponent in straight sets 9-6 9-4 9-3. Qamar did not exert himself as he had to play in an exhibition game at the opening ceremony.

Results

First-round matches: Auham Aram (Iraq) bt Erfan Al Saqafi (Palestine), Jassem

Hamad (Kuwait) bt Piyatisa (Sri Lanka), Pnadole (India) bt Amer (Palestine), Antony Chua (Singapore) bt Mahmoud Jazaf (Kuwait), Al Khalid (Bahrain) bt Andrew (Hong Kong), Chann (Malaysia) bt Ali Al Ubaidli (Qatar), Hamed Al Said (Jordan) bt Ali Choudhri (Bangladesh), Zainal Abidin (Singapore) bt Soubra (Lebanon), Silva (Sri Lanka) bt Jackie (Hong Kong), Singh (India) bt Shanot (Bangladesh), Kamal (Jordan) bt Sharoud (Iraq), Fares Baghdad (Iraq) bt Ali (Lebanon), Salem Al Uwalsh (Kuwait) bt De Lewis (Sri Lanka), Heng (Singapore) bt Naser Abdulaziz (Bahrain), Gurubtham (Malaysia) bt Osama Al Sayed (Kuwait), Tariq Al Uwalsh (Kuwait) bt Hamed (Bangladesh), Youssef Al Kuwait (Qatar) bt Choi Tony (Hong Kong), Durawala (India) bt Anis Shobaro (Palestine), Adel Al Gharib (Kuwait) bt Fernando (Sri Lanka), Hashem (Malaysia) bt Bogi (Lebanon),



Jahangir waits for his opponent to join him on the court.

Wael Tabalat (Jordan) bt Haque (Bangladesh), Khaled Al Subaie (Kuwait) bt King (Hong Kong), Ali Al Diwani (Bahrain) bt Tariq (Palestine), and Yang (Singapore) defeated (Darwish) Iraq.

Second-round matches:

Heng (Singapore) bt Salem Al Uwalsh (Kuwait), Gurubtham (Malaysia) bt Tariq Al Uwalsh, Ezra (India) bt Ali Kuwari (Qatar), Durawala (India) bt Adel Al Gharib, Hashem (Malaysia) bt Tabalat (Jordan),



Qamar Zaman (left) in action during the exhibition match. Qamar won by two sets to one.

UEFA defers decision on English ban

MONTE CARLO, Jan 20, (Reuters): European soccer chiefs deferred a decision on the readmission of English teams to Europe's three club competitions today, but left the way open for a return next season.

The European Football Union (UEFA) turned down a Scottish move for an immediate end to the ban imposed after the Heysel stadium riots in 1985 when 39 spectators died before the European club final in Brussels between Liverpool and Juventus.

Clubs

The decision on the return of England's clubs to the Champions Cup Winners' and UEFA Cups will now be made at the next executive committee meeting in St Andrews, Scotland, in May and English officials here said they remained optimistic their clubs would be competing next season.

"I am very optimistic there will be readmission soon," said Football Association (FA) chairman Bert Millichip.

Football League president Phillip Carter told Reuters: "I am positive that with the presentation we made... and providing we have no difficulties both on the local scene and in Europe... we will be back."

Millichip, who with Carter presented England's case to UEFA, told reporters he was optimistic clubs would be readmitted if British fans behaved during this summer's European Championship in West Germany.

UEFA sources who attended today's meeting said all 12 committee members favoured an English return even before Millichip and Carter had addressed them.

But UEFA president Jacques Georges, who told a news con-

ference the final decision would be taken at St Andrews, said several details on how England's readmission would be carried out still needed to be studied.

Those details included what to do with Liverpool if, as expected, the club wins the championship this year. Liverpool were banned for a further three years after the eventual readmission of English clubs because of their fans' involvement in the Heysel disaster.

Reversed

The question of what would happen if foreign governments refused to allow English clubs to play in their countries would also have to be considered, Georges said.

The UEFA president also said that even if UEFA reinstated English clubs, the decision would be reversed if England fans caused trouble during the

European Championship finals.

"Everything will depend on us behaving ourselves during the European championship," Millichip said.

"I would say to the English fans that they must behave themselves. The chances of them being provoked are very, very likely... and if they think they are going to get into trouble, please don't go to West Germany."

Carter said fans in West Germany would be holding English football to ransom and readmission to European competition depended on their good behaviour.

"It's very much in the hands of the fans," he added.

Georges said the two Englishmen had detailed "in great length" the measures taken in England to curb hooliganism, including the installation of closed-circuit television in stadiums.

England draw with Wellington

WELLINGTON, Jan 20, (Reuters): England drew with Wellington in the first match of their New Zealand tour, shortened to two days after both sides agreed to play a one-day game tomorrow.

England scored 310 for three wickets after Wellington declared at its Monday overnight total of 188 for six.

Rain washed out play yesterday and it had been decided to play the third day tomorrow. But

the two sides later agreed to a one-day match of 50 overs instead.

A century to England's Chris Broad who retired hurt and an opening stand of 171 were the highlights of the final day.

Wellington's bowling attack lacked real penetration, allowing Broad and his partner Martyn Moxton to bat for one-and-a-half sessions.

Scoreboard

WELLINGTON 188 for six wick-

ets declared.

ENGLAND
C. Broad retired hurt 100
M. Moxton c Cederwall b Williams 62
B. A. J. c and b Williams 14
M. Gatting b Williams 22
N. Fairbrother not out 22
D. Capel not out 19
Extras (w-1, lb-5, nb-5) 11
Total (for three wickets) 310
Fall of wickets: 1-171, 2-191, 3-281.

Bowling: Cederwall 16-2-65-0 (nb-4, w-1), Millman 16-3-41-1 (nb-12), Maguire 14-4-38-0, Larsen 5-2-37-0, Orniston 20-1-74-0, Williams 21-8-41-2, Roberts 2-0-9-0.

Hadlee attacks Australian fans

SYDNEY, Jan 20, (Reuters): New Zealand strike bowler Richard Hadlee said today Australian cricket crowds were among the worst in the world.

Hadlee, New Zealand's key player in the three-match World Series Cup finals starting in Melbourne on Friday, said the crowds had constantly jeered him and his parents during matches in Brisbane and Hobart.

Vatanen takes 2nd place

MOUDJERIA, Mauritania, Jan 20, (Reuters): Finland's Ari Vatanen, awaiting the outcome of his appeal against disqualification, took second place on yesterday's 530 km stage of the Paris-Dakar rally between Kayes, Mali, and Moudjeria.

The effort was deeply satisfying for Vatanen, who started Monday's stage hours late after his work Peugeot teammate and World Champion Juha Kankkunen.

Kankkunen looks set to win the 22-day desert test that has been marred by four deaths and serious injuries, prompting much criticism.

More than 10 minutes separated Saby from second-placed Alessandro Fiorio of Italy at the end of three days and 17 timed stages of the rally.

Former world champion Timo Salonen was making a

Saby set to score victory

qualified for failing to make the re-start inside the permitted time allowance.

Vatanen has now improved to second place overall but he is more than two hours behind fellow Finn Peugeot teammate and World Champion Juha Kankkunen.

The Finnish driver, in a Mazda 323, pulled out all the stops yesterday, turning in his first timed-stage victory in the French Alps and moving up to fifth overall as Saby protected his lead, easing off the accelerator.

MONTE CARLO, Jan 20, (Reuters): Frenchman Bruno Saby was poised yesterday for the most important victory of his long career after his Lancia teammate Yves Loubet crashed out of the Monte Carlo rally.

More than 10 minutes separated Saby from second-placed Alessandro Fiorio of Italy at the end of three days and 17 timed stages of the rally.

Former world champion Timo Salonen was making a

determined bid to catch the leading group after dropping to 49th position on Sunday, but, trailing Saby by over 28 minutes, he appeared to have too much ground to make up.

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Kuwaiti stars shine in Dubai

WITH three victories and a string of other impressive performances at the fifth Dubai Horse Show, Kuwait has enhanced its reputation as one of the Middle East's strongest showjumping nations.

While the UAE led the way with five wins, Kuwaiti riders won three titles, and mounted strong challenges in most of the other competitions in an event that attracted most of the region's leading horsemen and women, along with a collection of international stars.

Cheered With a double triumph at the Dubai Metropolitan Hotel arena, dashing Kuwaiti Army Lieutenant Rakad Al Thafferi established himself as one of the stars of the show.

The vociferous Kuwaiti contingent who cheered Thafferi to victory on successive days, were also able to acclaim another splendid win, by Osama Khadra.

But there was no stopping talented English rider Duncan Inglis in the main event, the Dunhill Cup. Inglis rode Benyon to a brilliant win to add to his success 24 hours earlier in the Yashika Jashanmal Open Stakes, in which Kuwaiti's Jamil Al Awadi finished fourth.

For the UAE, ten-year-old Shemma Abdullah Abulhul produced one of the most exciting rounds of the whole show on Golden Guinea to take the



Kuwaiti's Jamil Al Awadi in jump-off action in Dubai.

Dubai Free Junior Grand Prix. Lorraine Garland on Al Abjar, Sarah Nelson on Frolic, Sonja Lindros on Boxey, and the relay partnership of Daoud Bahrami and Kamille produced the other UAE successes.

Al Thafferi was in superb form, as was Liwice, the horse he guided to victory in both the Al Bayan Speed and Handiness Stakes and the Port Rashid Authority Intermediate Open Stakes.

In that last event, Lymya Al Essa made a marvellous attempt to snatch a win on Excite, but the 17-year-old Kuwaiti schoolgirl was beaten by a fraction of a second after a flawless round in the jump-off.

Bridge

RESULTS of the Ladies Menshall Bridge Club game played on Sunday:

1. Lolli Murthwaite & Doris Kimber

2. Jamila Akei & Margaret Rob-Whitaker

3. Fatima Abul John & Sheila Dagher

Results of the Hilton Bridge Club game played on Monday:

N/S: 1. Mukerjee & Imam

2. Lolli Murthwaite & Shasta

3. Tawil & Saad

E/W: 1. Simon & Sabri

2. Mesdairi & Boyoumi

3. Dumra & Fernandes

Results of the Sheraton Ladies Bridge Club game held yesterday:

1. Randa Finan & Sonia Banayan

2. Lolli Murthwaite & Sandra Turvey

3. Jamila Akei & Juliette Mushawar

Results of the Sheraton game played on Tuesday:

N/S: 1. Sherin & Gregory Latta

2. Adly Tib & Mesdairi

3. Lolli Murthwaite & Mamdouh Sabri

E/W: 1. Alec Kerji & Drexler

2. Dr. Sankar Reddy & Desmond Perera

3. R.T. Simon & Mukerjee

Seoul Games

ADDIS ABABA, Jan 20, (Reuters): Marxist Ethiopia yesterday followed Cuba in supporting North Korea's boycott of the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games.

Marsh's century sets up Australian victory

SYDNEY, Jan 20, (Reuters): Australian vice-captain Geoff Marsh made a timely return to form today when his fifth one-day international cricket century set up an easy 78-run win over New Zealand in the final World Series Cup group match.

Marsh, who has had an indifferent season, scored 101 and batted for all but three minutes in Australia's innings of 221 for eight before a sell-out crowd of nearly 42,000 at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Advantage

New Zealand — who rested Richard Hadlee, Martin Crowe and John Wright — never looked like reaching their target and could make only 143 off 44.5 overs.

Marsh took full advantage of the absence of strike bowler Hadlee, hitting five fours as well as running a five. Six other batsmen got to double figures but the next highest score was only cap-



Border hits a ball from Ken Bracewell for four. (Reuters wirephoto)

tain Allan Border's 22.

"It's been a rough season in a way for me and getting a decent score has been on my mind for a

month now," Marsh said.

"Things came my way tonight." New Zealand, without their

leading batsmen Martin Crowe and opener Wright, were soon in trouble when Tony Blair was dismissed for one and Andrew Jones for 19.

Captain Jeff Crowe failed again with six and only the off-spinners Vaughan Brown with 32 and John Bracewell who scored 38 provided any resistance.

Off-spinner Peter Taylor was the most successful of the bowlers with three for 24 from his 10 overs.

The two teams meet again in Melbourne on Friday in the first of the three-match final.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA
G. Marsh c Brown b Chatfield 101
D. Boon c Blair b Soedden 8
D. Jones c Bracewell b Gillespie 15
M. Veletta c Gillespie b Bracewell 19
S. A. Border c J. Crowe b Watson 0
A. Border run out 0
G. Dyer c J. Crowe b Brown 11
C. McDermott c Jones b Chatfield 18
A. Dodemaidi not out 11
P. Taylor not out 3